



We should emphasize not Negro history, but the Negro in history.

—Dr. Carter G. Woodson

If you understand the beginning well, the end will not trouble you.

—Ghanaian Proverb

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Those who have no record of what their forebearers have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history. "Let us banish fear."

CULTURAL RENAISSANCE

They not only called us Negroes, they made us Negroes, things that don't know where they came from and don't even care that they don't know. Negro is a state of mind, and they massacred our minds.

—Queen Mother Moore

CULTURAL EDUCATION

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.

—Author George Orwell

If you know the greatness from which you have come then that can begin to give you the keys to rebuild what you can be.

—Dr. Na'im Akbar

CULTURAL HONOR

You have to understand culture or you can't understand yourself; for you are a historical creature.

—Dr. Jordan Peterson

CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

We should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward.

Sankofa

Until the lion has a historian, the hunter will always be a hero.

The most important thing a person needs to know is who they are, where they came from and what it means to be that.

—Kelan Phil Colman

More than anything else, it is important to study history.

—B. B. King

The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are.

—Poet Laureate Maya Angelou

You are never thoroughly educated until you imbibe racial education.

—Marcus Garvey

If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands in danger of being exterminated.

—Dr. Amos Wilson



CULTURAL FREEDOM

There have been many misrepresentations, mis-understandings and fallacies about African Americans that must be corrected. Our culture begins with our achievements, as these are the seeds of our greatness, planted by GOD, on our own we would be like a ship without a sail.

—Helen L. Edmond

CULTURAL CONTINUITY

The role of history is to tell a people what they have been, where they have been, what they are and where they are.

—Dr. John Henrik Clarke

CULTURAL DIGNITY

History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future.

—Robert Penn Warren

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 WEALTH 1946, Malcolm Little, began an eight year sentence for burglary. Released in 1952 he took on the last name X. 1924 b. Samella Lewis, printmaker; first tenured A. A. professor in art history at Scripps College 1911 b. Ed Davis, Hall of fame auto dealer, the first A. A. to win a franchise to sell new cars 1897 b. Marian Anderson, World famous A. A. opera singer 1872, Charlotte Ray, became first African American female lawyer	28 STRENGTH 1984, Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards for, "Thriller", one of the top-grossing albums of all time. 1965, Selma to Montgomery march called by Rev. James Bevel at Zion United Methodist Church, Marion, AL 1956 b. Adrian Dantley, Hall of fame basketball player 1945 b. Charles "Bubba" Smith, Former football 1940, Richard Wright's first novel published, Native Son. 1922, Egypt, gained independence	LEGEND A. A. = African American b. = Born - d. = Death This is a recommended curriculum for home & family for the study of African American History. Each day during the month of February read out loud and together the happenings of the day. Take note of the principle of the day. See how you can add it to your life. Write about it, sing, paint, dance about it. Share with others. Tap the principle into your soul with EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) Do further research on what you are interested in. Our history is best taught at home. Vietta Robinson, Author: Radio Host	1 LOVE 1863, National Freedom Day Commemorates signing of the 13 th amendment. 1998, Lillian Fishburne, first A. A. female to hold the rank rear admiral in the US Navy 1960, Greensboro, NC, First "Sit-in" protest begins. Ends July 25, 1960 1948 b. Rick James, Singer 1902 b. Langston Hughes, poet social activist, novelist...	2 JOY 2009, Eric Holder sworn in as U. S. Attorney General 1977 b. Shakira, Colombian singer-songwriter, dancer 1952 b. Pete Brown, First A. A. to win a Professional Golfers Association Tour. 1935 b. Christine Taubira, Guyanese Economist, politician and writer on slavery. 1915 b. John H. Franklin, former president of Phi Beta Kappa, the Org. of Am. Hist., the Am. Hist. Assoc., and Southern Historical 1914 b. William Ellsworth, Artist	3 EXCELLENCE 1926 b. Virgil Trice, Jr. Nuclear Scientist 1920, Negro Baseball League, Founded 1879, William White, first A. A. elected president of Major League Baseball's Nat'l League 1879 b. Charles W. Follis, First A. A. professional football player, known as "The Black Cyclone" 1870, The 15 th Amendment was passed, A. A. Men gained the right to vote 150 Years of the Right-To-Vote 2020 15th Amendment African American Males	4 TRUTH But what of Black women I must sincerely doubt if any other race of women could have brought its fineness up through so devilish a fire. W. E. B. DuBois 1980, Levi Watkins, Jr. performed the first human implementation of the Automatic Implantable Defibrillator. 1913 b. Rosa Parks, Started Montgomery Bus Boycott 1792 b. James A. Birney, Abolitionist, Publisher In Honor of Rosa Parks Mother of Human Right
5 JUSTICE Truth is powerful and it prevails. —Sojourner Truth 1995 b. Trayvon Martin, 9th grade student fatally shot on 2/26/12 - No Justice 1974 b. Omarosa Manigault, political aide in White House under President Donald Trump. 1934 b. Hank Aaron, Home run king of baseball 1793 b. John Rankin, Abolitionist. Henry Ward Beecher said, he brought an end to slavery with his sons.	6 KINDNESS When you are filled with self hate your mind is reversed. Meaning you will love the things that destroy you, and hate the things that advance your growth. —Amos Wilson 1950 b. Natalie Cole, Singer, songwriter, actress 1945 b. Bob Marley, Internationally famous Reggae artist and songwriter from Jamaica 1867, Robert Tanner, received a degree in dentistry; first A. A. 1867, The Peabody Fund for Black education is started.	PEACE 1967 b. Chris Rock, Comedian and actor 1961 b. Allen B. West, First A. A. Republican Congressman from Florida since Reconstruction 1926, Negro History Week, started by Dr. C. G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History" 1887 b. Eubie Blake, Composer, musician, pianist 1866, Freedman Aid Society founded in WDC	8 VIGILANCE Most blacks are unaware of the psychological trauma resulting from more than 350 years of racial oppression. A. A.'s still wrestle with the black inferiority complex in the face of white privilege. —Tom 1988 b. Debbi Thomas, Olympics figure skater 1962 b. Lisa Jackson, first A. A. administrator of the EPA; Chemical engineer 1949 b. Will Allen, Urban farmer, Teacher 1944, Henry McAlphin, First A. A. news reporter to attend White House Press Conference 1924 b. Joseph Black, First black pitcher to win a World Series game.	9 CONSCIOUSNESS 1987 b. Michael B. Jordan, Actor 1954 b. Christopher Gardner, Entrepreneur, philanthropist 1944 b. Alice Walker, Author of The Color Purple, novelist, poet, activist 1907 b. Charles Anderson, Sr. Chief Anderson, Aviator, "Father of Black Aviation." 1737 b. Thomas Paine, Worked to abolish slavery when American independence was won.	ABOLITIONIST APPRECIATION DAY Honoring John Brown, Richard Allen, Elizabeth Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Lloyd Garrison, John Q. Adams, Robert Pleasants, John & Abigail Adams, Myles Horton, Benjamin Franklin, Harriet Jacobs and all those known and unknown who worked for the freedom of enslaved people. I consecrate my life to the destruction of slavery. —John Brown Negro History and Literature Week was selected in February,	13 LOYALTY The spider and the fly can't make a deal. —Jamaican Proverb 1972 b. Marlon St. Julien, First A. A. jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby in 79 years 1960, The Nashville, TN & FAMU Sit-ins begins and ends May 10, 1960 1923, "The Renaissance", First A. A. professional basketball team organized. 1908 b. Malvin Russell Goode, First African American television news correspondent
10 PROSPERITY If the house is to be set in order, one cannot begin with the present; one must begin with the past. John Hope Franklin 1989, Ronald H. Brown, Elected chairman of the Democratic Nat'l Committee 1964, Civil Rights Act, passed by a vote of 290-130. 1907 b. Grace Hamilton, First A. A. woman elected to the Georgia General Assembly 1927 b. Leontyne Price, Inter'l famous opera singer	11 FAITH Although slavery has long been a part of human history, American chattel slavery represents a case of human trauma incomparable in scope, duration and consequences to any other incidence of human enslavement. —Dr. Joy DeGruy 1920 b. Daniel James, First A. A. four star U. S. general 1871 b. Edward Williams, First A. A. professional librarian in the U. S. 1802 b. Lydia Maria Child, abolitionist, women's rights activist 1783 b. Jerena Lee, first female preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church	CHANGE 2015, Richellieu Dennis, Liberian CEO of SheaMoisture acquires Essence 1968, Henry Lewis, became first A. A. to break the color barrier as a conductor at a major symphony orchestra 1957, SCLC, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, co-founded by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. 1954 b. Leland Melvin, Engineer & NASA astronaut 1930 b. Jacob Carruthers, Academic, African scholar. 1820 b. Susan B. Anthony, Abolitionist	12 WISDOM When a king has good counselors, his reign is peaceful. —African Proverb 1934 b. Bill Russell, First A. A. superstar in the NBA. 1909, NAACP Founded, the only A. A. executive was W. E. B. Du Bois 1855 b. Fannie Barrier Williams, Educator, social activist, lecturer, journalist 1809 b. Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the U. S., Republican 2023, Abolitionist Appreciation	In Honor of President Abraham Lincoln My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, —John Brown	150 Years of the Right-To-Vote 2020 15th Amendment African American Males 1870 Metal Horse Independence	19 POWER Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. —Pele 1976 b. Immortal Technique, Peruvian Rapper, activist 1965 b. Lauren Anderson, First Principal ballerina of a major dance company 1940 b. Smokey Robinson, R&B singer-songwriter 1909 b. Clarence L. Holte Founded, The Basic Afro-American Reprint Library
14 GRATITUDE 1963 b. Doug Rasheed Musician, producer, songwriter 1946 b. Gregory Hines, Dancer 1926 b. Monetta J. Sleet, Jr., Photographer; first A. A. to win Pulitzer Prize for journalism 1879, Blanche K. Bruce, became first A. A. (and only former slave) to preside over the U.S. Senate 1817 b. Frederick Douglass, World renowned abolitionist, statesman and orator 1760 b. Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 1793, Fugitive Slave Act enacted	In Honor Of I expose slavery in this country, because to expose it is to kill it. Slavery is one of those monsters of darkness to whom the light of truth is death.	22 FORGIVENESS 1950 b. Julius Winfield, ("Dr.J") Erving, former All-star basketball star player 1938 b. Ishmael Reed, Author of over 30 books. 1928 b. Lawrence Joel, First A. A. to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor since the Spanish-Am. War, in 1967. 1928 b. Clarence E. Smith, aka, Clarence 13X and Allah, founder of Nation of Gods and Earths or Five Percenters 1839 b. Octavius V. Catto educator, intellectual, activist 1832, Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society founded	16 HARMONY Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. —Oprah Winfrey 1995 b. Jordan Davis, Student killed in FL for playing loud music on 11/23/12. 1982 b. Lupe Fiasco, Rapper 1904 b. James Baskett, Actor and the first male performer of African descent to receive an Oscar 1852 b. William Scarborough, believed to be the first A. A. classical scholar	17 CREATIVITY 1963 b. Michael Jordan, All-time favorite basketball superstar 1949 b. Leonard Coleman, Jr. Pres. of the National Baseball League 1942 b. Huey P. Newton, Co-founder Black Panther Party 1938 b. Mary Frances Berry, First black woman to head a major research university 1936 b. Jim Brown, Hall of fame football player, actor 1924 b. Isaiah Robinson, Jr., the first A. A. president of the N Y Board of Education,	18 FREEDOM 1965 b. Dr. Dre, Record producer, rapper, entrepreneur. 1965, Gambia, gained independence 1965, Jimmie Lee Jackson, shot by AL state trooper; sparked Selma to Montgomery march 1934 b. Audre Lorde, Writer, feminist, librarian, activist. 1931 b. Toni Morrison, Novelist, editor, professor 1918 b. Johnnie Coleman, New Thought pioneer, founded Christ Universal Temple 1884 b. Paul Revere Williams. Architect; first A. A. member of the Amer. Institute of Architects	26 RESPECT 2007, Virginia apologized for its role in slavery 1971 b. Erykah Badu, singer-songwriter, record producer, activist and actress 1935 b. Otis Moss Jr., Pastor, Civil Rights Activist 1933 b. Godfrey Cambridge, Comedian and actor. 1928 b. Fats Domino, Rock and roll superstar 1877, First Saviours' Day by the Nation of Islam commemorating the birth of its founder Master Wallace Fard Muhammad
20 KNOWLEDGE 1988 b. Rihanna, Barbadian recording artist, actress 1963 b. Charles Barkley, Basketball hall of famer 1937 b. Nancy Wilson, Song stylist, jazz, blues, pop 1927 b. Sir Sidney Poitier, Actor, film director, author, diplomat 1918, The Order of Sleeping Car Conductors was organized 1906 b. John H. DeWitt, Jr., Pioneer in radio broadcasting, radar astronomy and photometry 1805 b. Angelina Weld, Architect of abolitionist movement	21 LEADERSHIP Wherever a man goes to dwell his character goes with him. 1965 d. Malcolm X, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz 1940 b. John Lewis, Civil Rights leader and Congressman Georgia 1936 b. Barbara Jordan, the first A A elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction 1933 b. Nina Simone, singer, activist		23 INTELLIGENCE A fool is a wise man's ladder. —African Proverb 1987 b. Ab-Soul, Hip hop recording artist. 1942 b. Haki R. Madhubuti, Author, educator, and poet. 1941 b. Amos Wilson, Social theorist, psychologist, Pan-African thinker, scholar... 1868 b. W. E. B. Dubois, A. A. Intellectual, political thinker, educator, editor, philosopher, author, and civil liberties leader.	24 FORTITUDE 1977 b. Floyd Mayweather, Jr., undefeated boxer, and a five-division world champion, won twelve world titles 1951 b. Kwame Sunhorse, Native Am. Sundancer, shaman, teacher, medicine man, orator 1940 b. Jimmy Ellis, WBA World Heavyweight 1906 b. Clarence Bacote, First NAACP director of citizenship schools 1811 b. Daniel A. Payne, Reformer, Bishop the African Methodist Episcopal Church; the first A. A. to become a college president in the U. S.	25 EQUALITY 1965 b. Veronica Webb. First A. A. model to have a major cosmetics contract 1964, Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston became World Heavyweight Champ, 1931 b. Clarence Avant, aka the Godfather of Black Music; engineered the first joint venture between an A. A. record company. 1925 b. Ed Gardner Founder of Soft Sheen 1928 b. Aloysius "Leon" Higginbotham, Jr., Lawyer, Civil Rights Advocate, federal appeals judge	