

CONGRATULATIONS

School Administrators, Principals, Teachers & Parents

To Whom It May Concern:

Myeka believes that when a people are devoid of their history that they have no foundation on which to build. They are like a tree without a root, therefore, we offer this year-a-round curriculum to begin the process of healing and cultural development for African American people. It is our hope that you will find meaning and purpose in this project and add to it by participating. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain.

You can teach African American history in the month of February and year-round with the "I AM Calendar Poster.

We suggest that you assign students to different upcoming days to research an event that occurred on the "I AM Calendar/Poster" The students are to do further research on the event or person they choose. On that day they will present their research during the last 15 - 30 minutes of class with discussion and questions and answers. In this way African American history will become a daily part of your classroom curriculum during the month of February and beyond.

We have prepared a unique fundraiser for your school using the "I AM" Calendar, which we will reveal shortly.

The poster is size 18" x 24" and laminated, and sells for \$89.99

Sincerely yours,

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1874 b, Arthur Schomburg
Pioneer in Black History,

*"The American Negro must remake his past
in order to make his future. History must
restore what slavery took away."*

Tribute to him, "wiser than we knew, a maker of scholars,
a pioneer on the cultural frontier of a new race."

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UNITE TO SPREAD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY The I AM Calendar

AN ONTOLOGICAL, THERAPEUTIC, MULTI-CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, LOVE PRESENTATION

A Celebration of Achievement, Excellence, Good Works, Faith, Service, Honor and Wisdom

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Dateline Chicago, IL. The newly released “**February: The I AM**, provides a rich and pleasant journey into the history of a new race born on the shores of the Americas. A mixture of the best of every known race.

The I AM Calendar aligns with the thoughts and teachings of Dr. Carter G. Woodson who said, “*We should emphasize not Negro history, but the Negro in history.*” It teaches cohesiveness, oneness of thought, provides unknown facts and conscious awareness of what happened and is happening, all of which works to create high self-esteem and inspiration to overcome all obstacles.

In 1991 the State of Illinois was mandated by law to teach African American history in all schools in Illinois.(Black History mandate HB2859), however this has yet to be achieved statewide. Also Mississippi, Arkansas, New York, Florida, have mandates. **The I AM Calendar** makes meeting the objective possible. Imagine young people in school selecting daily events, weeks in advance from the I AM Calendar to research and on that date presenting their research material during the last 10 - 30 minutes of class. Here is a sample research project for September 13th. Alain Locke was born in 1886. He was the first African American Rhodes scholar. Here is a sample of research questions that can be asked: 1) What is a Rhodes scholar? 2) Who is Alan Locke? 3) How did he achieve this status? 4) Who were and are other Rhodes scholars? Where did he grow up? Are there any present day Rhodes scholars? If so who? How can I become a Rhodes scholar? Are there any African American female Rhodes scholars? As a result, every day of school students will learn something uplifting about African American history and world history. We look forward to the adoption of the **I AM** curriculum in the Illinois state school system and throughout the United States and the world. It is our heritage and it gives proof of the relevancy and greatness of an American people in its infancy as a newly freed race.

The I AM Calendar provides choice in education as students interest are piqued by the different events that happen. With access to all twelve months students can use the vibration of the greatness of their birthday to empower themselves.

The rich history of African American's provides a backdrop for teaching any subject based on those who have

achieved success in their chosen fields. Against seemingly insurmountable obstacles of homelessness, poverty, childhood trauma, disease, hunger, a dysfunctional family, incest, sexual abuse, torture, enslavement, violence (hangings, war), racism, prejudice, dis-enfranchisement, the scars of slavery that still linger, violence of every form, physical, mental, spiritual and emotional abuses untold, enslavement and imprisonment, unhealed wounds, environmental catastrophes, father-lessness and mothers still living under a curse of glorified victimization.

The truth is that many African Americans have climbed out of slavery (a real hell) and achieved heavenly heights. They were often battered, bruised, injured, criminalized and ill, but they did it anyway. Ms. Bevel says, “the weakest link can only be strengthened in America when a foundation is laid that is the true history of our sojourn and the many astonishing accomplishments of our ancestors upon whose shoulders we stand. The average African American person has a dysfunctional family history that reads like a soap opera, but that can be replaced with the history that occurred on their birthday, which will give them a vibration to excel.

The I AM Calendar was created and designed by anthologist and author Helen “Myeka” Edmond as a educational and fundraising tool for her nonviolent initiative the Peace Fellowship. It is her way of giving people worldwide a way to know the many achievements and accomplishments of her people. She says, “TV, radio, movies and most media portrays African Americans as criminals, animalistic, no-gooders and fools.” The writer of Animal Farm, George Orwell says, “*The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.*” Malcolm X says, “*History is a people's memory, and without a memory, man is demoted to the lower animal.*” If Orwell and Malcolm are correct then we must give the people their history.

Ms. Bevel says, “I remember an interview I heard with a Caribbean chemist who was asked a question about Dr. George W. Carver, she exclaimed that she knew nothing about him.” Well **the I AM Calendar** brings these facts to the world and inspires further research leading to the development of many skills like reading, research, learning enhancement. comprehension, presentation and communication skill development.

The calendar also provides the date of independence for African and Caribbean countries , giving people a glimpse into world history and world leaders like former South African President Nelson Mandela, Bob Marley and chess Grandmaster Amon Simutowe from sub-Saharan Africa.

The I AM Calendar poster is size 24” x 36”. It can be custom designed to meet any presentation need. It comes in full color and is choked full of events, birthdays, firsts, quotes, Adinkra symbols and pictures.

Now governments, corporations and businesses worldwide can adopt **the I AM** and become a part of African American history and help spread it worldwide so the truth can be known about the great achievements of African American people. Now African American children can use the giant footsteps of their ancestors as a spring board to the highest heights.

The month of February has been designed as a time to become principled. Each day governs a principle like February 1 is Love, the 2nd is Joy. On each day people will be asked to embody the principle in their life by writing poems, essays or songs about it. Also expressing the principle in one’s life. All of which will call forth creativity.

*“Every Americans agenda should include the healing and strengthening of African American people. **The I AM Calendar** is just a beginning that everyone can take part in. Once this step is taken the next steps will become obvious.”*

–Helen Edmond

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HISTORY

Genesis - the beginning

The foundation.

Where we evolved from.

Our ancestors.

Those who share a common
experience.

Our root system.

What we can build upon.

LEGACY

A pyramid in a desert landscape at sunset, with palm trees in the foreground and a person walking in the distance.

That which is preserved.

That which has value.

That which is taught.

That which is learned.

The way.

That which nurtures.

That which sustains.

The formula for sustaining a healthy
system.

OVERCOMING CULTURAL GENOCIDE

What can be learned or studied with the I AM Calendar?

Empowered Thinking - Principles lead the way to empowered thinking and principles are sprinkled throughout the calendar in the many inspiring quotes. The month of February is dedicated to “Principled Living.” Each day represents a principle to be studied and understood, like {Love, Truth, Joy, Peace, etc.}

Cultural Development - As the people of West Africa were captured, stolen and enslaved in the Americas they lost their culture. The **I AM Calendar** begins the process of creating a culture born in the Americas by presenting the great achievements of men and women who dared to excel and climb out of the hell they were born into.

History - The history of African American people is celebrated every February, however it is so expansive that we have made it relevant every day of the year with the **I AM Calendar**.

Civics - One of the greatest achievements of the 20th century was the right-to-vote. It didn't start in Selma, AL but in the abolitionist movement and the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. It even went so far as to create the first African American president, President Barack H. Obama. The 365 Calendar celebrates these achievements.

Career Choices - Each day people are presented who have been successful in their variant careers.

Positive Role Models - The personae that have aspired to greatness are not all saints but they provide a positive role model in some area of their life.

Reading - As students study the events that take place in their history they will be motivated to do further research and learn to read and comprehend the depth of lives and events. Young people will enjoy reading about their greatness.

Researching - In order to get the most out of the calendar further research must be done. The calendar provides only a snippet of an event or persons achievements, but it is just enough to generate curiosity in the minds of people.

Character Development - The many inspiring quotes direct people to want to develop a sterling character.

Categories

Following are forty-four categories that people and events fall into on “The I AM Calendar.” Use these categories as part of a curriculum that will allow students to sort and learn from. Students can be assigned to research and work on different categories. Students can prepare exhibits about the contents of the various categories as part of a African American History Fair (classroom or school).

Abolitionist	Inventions
Academia	Judges/Lawyers
Actors and Actresses	Marches
Adinkra Symbols	Medal of Honor
Amendments	Military - Government
Apologies for Slavery	Miscellaneous
Artist - Comedians	Movements
Artist - Dance	Organizations
Artist - Musicians and Singers	Olympians
Artist - Other Artist - Visual	Pastors - Theologians
Authors	Pioneers
Books - Newspapers - Magazines	Politicians
Business Leaders	Proverbs - Slogans
Celebrations	Quotes
Days of Respect	Radio and TV
Died or Murdered	Religious Leaders
Doctors	Religious Organizations
Events	Riots - Revolts - Wars
Firsts and Founders	Schools
Fraternities and Sororities	Scientist
Foreigners	Sports Figures
Health Field	Women Leaders

CURRICULUM GUIDE

We seek to frame the history of African American people in the most glorious light in order to give hope, incentive, choice, inspiration, good tidings, insight, knowledge and more to generations of youth and adults.

African American history is rich with content, providing a climate for studying any subject.

For example:

- Research into the life of Dr. George Washington Carver can create a curriculum that provides people with the knowledge of how to reduplicate his experiments to create three hundred products from the peanut and thus advance the study of many branches of math and science. Seeking to know how he did what he did not just that he did it.
- Research into the life of Paul Revere Williams can create a curriculum into the study of all the subjects that an architect has to learn like math, physics, art, etc.

Reading, research, writing, math, art, music, sports, thinking, theology, government, therapy, medicine, farming and practically any subject can be studied through the lenses of African American history. By creating such a curriculum students will find interest, attention, excitement, enthusiasm, purpose and principles for living life abundantly and with meaning.

We suggest that for February African American History Month, that teachers assign a student to do research on an event on each day of February and present their research during the last 5 - 15 minutes of class. In addition you can create a African American History Fair in your classroom or school and have students create displays and win prizes. Also each day of February is dedicated to a principle. Encourage students to journal, draw pictures, write prose/poetry, write lyrics, plays, art, food, clothes, signs, etc. about the principle.

Trivia games, contests, puzzles, computer games and game boards can be created from the material presented.

The month of February has been broken down into categories that you can use to reinforce learning.

We encourage you to share your ideas with us so that we can share them with others, so please send pictures, audios, videos, comments, questions and information to us as we share our wisdom.

Thank you,

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Abolitionist

Angelina Weld
James A. Birney
John Rankin
Rev. Jeremiah Wesley-Loguen
Frederick Douglass
Susan Anthony
Lydia Maria Child
Abraham Lincoln

Academia

Paul Revere Williams - Architect
Mary Frances Berry

Activist

Langston Hughes
15th Amendment passed
Rosa Parks
Rev. Jeremiah Wesley - Loquen (5)
James A. Birney
Bob Marley
Will Allen
Thomas Paine
Lydia Maria Child
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick Douglass
Richard Allen
Susan Anthony
Huey P. Newton
Immortal Technique
Nina Simone
John Lewis
Clarence Edward Smith
W. E. B. DuBois
Erykah Badu
Haki R. Madhabuti

Angelina Weld

Actors and Actresses

James Baskett
Sidney Poitier
Hattie McDaniel - Wins Best Supporting Actress

Adinkra Symbols

Format 1

Freedom & Emancipation
Greatness
Unity

Strength

Format 2

Abundance
Greatness

Amendments

15th Amendment

Apologies for Slavery

Virginia

Artist - Comedians

Chris Rock
Godfrey Cambridge

Artist - Dance

Shikira - Dancer
Lauren Anderson - Ballerina
Gregory Hines - Tap

Artist - Musicians and Singers

James A. Birney
Bob Marley
Natalie Cole
Leontyne Price
Brandy
Dr. Dre - Rapper
Smokey Robinson - Singer

Immortal Technique - Rapper

Nancy Wilson - Singer

Rihanna - Singer

Nina Simone - Singer

Ab-Soul - Recording Artist

Fats Domino - Singer

Erykah Badu - Singer

Marion Anderson - Opera Singer

Artist - Other

Langston Hughes - Poet

Monetta J. Sleet, Jr. - Photographer

Wallace Thurman - Playwright

Haki R. Madhubuti - Poet

Veronica Webb - Model

Augusta Savage

Artist - Visual

William Ellsworth

Authors

Alice Walker

Toni Morrison - Novelist

Books - Newspapers - Magazines

The Basic Afro-American Reprint Library (19)

Play "Harlem" opened at the Apollo Theatre (20)

Grammy for "Thriller" (28)

Business Leaders

Christopher Gardner

John H. DeWitt, Jr.

Michael Jordan

Dr. Dre

Paul Revere Williams

Ed Gardner

Ed Davis

Celebrations

Days of Respect

Died or Murdered

Michael Anderson - Astronaut

Trayvon Martin - Youth

Jimmie Lee Jackson - Activist

Malcolm X - Leader

Jordan Davis

Doctors

Robert Tanner

Rebecca Crumpler

Helen Octavia Dickens

Events

Black History Week

Freedman Bureau Founded

1964 Civil Rights Act Passed

Fugitive Slave Act

NAACP Founded

SCLC Founded

Quakers

Michael Jackson wins eighth Grammy

Firsts

- First female to hold that rank in the U. S. Navy
- First elected president of Major League Baseball's National League
 - First professional football player
- First human implementation of the Automatic Implantable Defibrillator
 - First Dentist
 - First Republican Congressman
 - First president over the U. S. Senate
- First fully independent Black denomination
- First professional basketball team organized
- First jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby
 - First television news correspondent
 - First superstar in the NBA
 - First female patent software inventor
- First female bishop in the Anglican Communion
 - First four star U. S. General
 - First referee
 - First professional librarian
- First female preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church
 - First female elected to the Georgia General Assembly
 - First Administrator of the EPA
 - First news reporter
- First black pitcher to win a World Series game
 - First woman to become a physician
- First to break the color barrier as conductor at a major symphony orchestra
 - First male performer to receive an Oscar
 - First classical scholar

- First woman to head a major research university
 - First Olympic speed skater
- First member of the American Institute of Architects
 - First formal protest against slavery
 - First principal ballerina
- First play Harlem opened at the Apollo Theatre
 - First elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction
- First female board certified obstetrics and gynaecology doctor
 - First female lawyer
- First to win a franchise to sell new cars
 - First tenured professor in art history
 - First Federal Trade Commissioner
- First model to have a major cosmetic contract
 - First director of the citizenship schools
- First living A. A. to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor
- First artist to be elected to the Nat'l Association of Women Painters and Sculptors

Fraternities and Sororities

Foreigners

Shikira - Columbian

Rihanna - Barbadian

Leymah Roberta Gbowee - Liberian

Immortal Technique - Peruvian

Daniel James

Inventions

Janet E. Bashen

Law

Charlotte Ray

Marches and Sit-ins

Selma to Montgomery March

Nashville, TN & FAMU Sit-ins

Medal of Honor

Lawrence Joel

Military - Government

Lillian Fishburne

Daniel James

Leland Melvin

Lawrence Joel

Miscellaneous

Movements

Selma Right to Vote Movement

The Nashville, TN & FAMU Sit-ins begins

Olympians

Debbie Thomas

Shani Davis

Pastors - Theologians

Bishop Richard Allen

Bishop Barbara C. Harris

Johnnie Coleman

Clarence Edward Smith

Daniel A. Payne

Jerena Lee

Pioneers

Politicians

Proverbs - Slogans

Quotes

Radio and TV

Religious Organizations

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

NAACP

Riots - Revolts - Wars

Schools

Scientist

Michael Anderson - Astronaut

Levi Watkins. Jr.

Robert Tanner - Dentistry

Lisa Jackson

Will Allen

Leland Melvin

John H. Dewitt, Jr.

Helen Octavia Dickens

Sports Figures

Pete Brown - Golfer

Charles W. Follis - Football

William White - Baseball President

Negro Baseball League Founded

Hank Aaron - Baseball

Debbie Thomas - Figure Skater

Joseph Black - Baseball

Jackie White - Basketball Referee

SPECIAL DAYS AND MONTHS

Holidays

Christmas

Kwanzaa

Earth Day

Juneteenth

Children's Day

Native American Day

Special Months

African American History Month - February

Month of Principled Living - Each day represents a principle and sometimes an Adinkra Symbol. Example: February 1 - Love (Do your best to learn, embody, express, and understand this principle.) February 2 - Joy, February 3 - Justice....

African American Music Appreciation Month - June

Special Days

Day of Honor 1/15

Day of Remembrance 4/4

Freedom Lover's Day 7/18

Day of Healing 8/12

Freedom Day 8/22

Day of Solidarity 8/28

Abolitionist Appreciation Day 2/13