



What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today.



Why Do We Have Black History Month?

- Throughout history, people have been treated differently because of the colour of their skin.
- Black people were not seen as equal and were not treated in the same way as white people. For example, they had to sit in different seats on a bus or public places like the cinema.
- Lots of people knew that this was wrong and wanted things to change.

In 1926, in America, a man called Carter G. Woodson introduced a “Negro History Week,” which later turned into Black History Month.

In 1987, the first Black History Month took place in the UK.



Carter G. Woodson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQezQJKd3oM>

Famous Black Men and Women



Mary Seacole
1805-1881

Mary Seacole went to help soldiers in the Crimean War.



Nelson Mandela
1918-2013

Nelson Mandela was the first black South African President. He spent 27 years in prison for trying to change things so that they were equal for both black and white people.

Rosa Parks
1913-2005

One day on a bus, she refused to give her seat to a white person just because she was black. This led to changes being made so that black people no longer had to sit in a separate section on the bus



Alice Coachman
1923-2014

Alice Coachman was an African American athlete, who specialised in the high jump. In London in 1948 she became the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

Famous Black Men and Women



Jesse Owens
1913-1980

Jesse Owens, or 'Buckeye Bullet' as he was commonly known, was an American track and field athlete who took part in the 1936 Berlin Olympic, Germany.

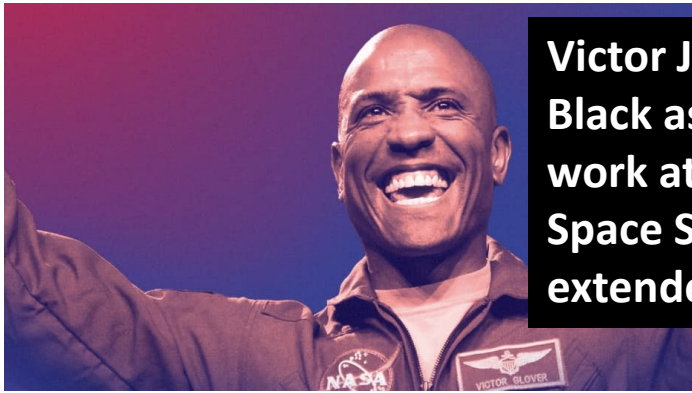
Benjamin Zephaniah
1980- current

Benjamin Zephaniah is a British poet and a human and animal rights activist. He was born in Birmingham, England. As a boy, he wrote his own poetry as he did not find the poetry he was reading at school was relevant to him.



Barack Obama
1961- current

On November 4th 2008, he became the 44th American President. He is the first African-American president in the United States of America.



Victor J. Glover, Jr., 44, first Black astronaut to live and work at the International Space Station for an extended stay



Nia DaCosta, 31, first Black woman to direct a Marvel film



Marcus Rashford, 23, launched a campaign encouraging England's poorest families to be provided with food vouchers to support them through the lockdown. ... “I only started reading at 17, and it completely changed my outlook and mentality



Tessa Sanderson was the first British black woman to win an Olympic medal (1984)



Lewis Hamilton, Formula 1's only black driver

**Ryan Coogler, director of the first all black cast superhero film
Chadwick, main actor in the film**



Let Us Pray

Dear God,

Teach us to be thoughtful and kind to one another like Jesus.

Teach us to appreciate black history and it's importance in the world today.

May we always remember that we all belong to this world that you created for us.

Let us pray for all those who have dedicated their lives to make sure everyone is appreciated and treated fairly and with respect.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

