

Black History Month Unit Study Outline



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I. INTRODUCTION TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- ☐ Definition and Overview
- ☐ Origins and Significance
- ☐ Purpose of Black History Month
- ☐ Why Study Black History?

2. AFRICAN HISTORY AND CIVILIZATIONS

- ☐ Pre-colonial Africa
- ☐ Great African Empires (Mali, Ghana, Songhai)
- ☐ Contributions to Science, Mathematics, and Medicine
- ☐ Cultural and Artistic Achievements

3. SLAVERY AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

- ☐ Historical Context and Timeline
- ☐ Impact on African Societies
- ☐ Resistance and Abolitionist Movements
- ☐ Key Figures in the Abolitionist Movement

4. THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- ☐ Overview and Historical Context
- ☐ Leaders and Figures (Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks)
- ☐ Landmark Events (Montgomery Bus Boycott, March on Washington)
- ☐ Achievements and Challenges

5. AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- ☐ Literature and Writers (Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou)
- ☐ Music and Musicians (Jazz, Blues, Hip Hop)
- ☐ Visual Arts (Jacob Lawrence, Faith Ringgold)
- ☐ Scientific and Technological Contributions

6. AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS AND TRAILBLAZERS

- ☐ Political Figures (Barack Obama, Shirley Chisholm)
- ☐ Activists and Advocates (Malcolm X, Angela Davis)
- ☐ Entrepreneurs and Innovators (Madam C.J. Walker, Garrett Morgan)
- ☐ Athletes and Sports Icons

7. EXPLORING AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SITES

- ☐ Virtual Tours or Field Trips to Historical Sites
- ☐ Research and Presentations on Significant Locations
- ☐ Understanding the Importance of Preserving Cultural Heritage

8. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

- ☐ Pioneers in Medicine (Daniel Hale Williams, Charles Drew)
- ☐ Scientific Innovations and Discoveries
- ☐ The Role of African Americans in Advancing Medical Research

9. HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

- ☐ Create Biographical Profiles of Influential Figures
- ☐ Write Poems or Essays Inspired by Black History
- ☐ Art Projects Celebrating African American Culture
- ☐ Simulate a Civil Rights Movement Workshop or Protest

10. FIELD TRIPS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

- ☐ Invite Local Historians or Community Leaders
- ☐ Visit Local Museums or Cultural Institutions Focused on Black History

II. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

- ☐ Research Projects and Presentations
- ☐ Creative Assignments (Poetry, Art, Essays)
- ☐ Class Discussions and Participation

INCORPORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SUBJECT AREAS

HISTORY

Explore the rich history of African civilizations, including pre-colonial societies and great empires like Mali and Songhai. Delve into the impact of the transatlantic slave trade, resistance movements, and the achievements of African Americans in various historical periods, including the Civil Rights Movement.

LITERATURE

Immerse students in the literary contributions of African American writers such as Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Zora Neale Hurston, and James Baldwin. Analyze their works, which often reflect the struggles, resilience, and cultural richness of the African American experience.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Highlight the contributions of African Americans in the fields of science and medicine, from pioneers like Daniel Hale Williams, the first person to perform open-heart surgery, to modern researchers making advancements in various scientific disciplines and medical research.

VISUAL ARTS

Celebrate the vibrant world of African American visual artists such as Jacob Lawrence, Faith Ringgold, and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Explore their unique styles, themes, and contributions to the broader art world.

MUSIC

Immerse students in the diverse and influential history of African American music, from the roots of jazz and blues to the global impact of hip hop. Explore the works of musicians like Louis Armstrong, Aretha Franklin, and contemporary artists shaping the music industry.

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Examine the key events, leaders, and milestones of the Civil Rights Movement, including figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and the impact of landmark events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington.

POLITICAL FIGURES

Learn about prominent African American political figures who have shaped the course of history, from trailblazers like Shirley Chisholm to the historic presidency of Barack Obama. Explore their contributions to politics, advocacy, and social change.

ENTREPRENEURS AND INNOVATORS

Celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit and innovations of African Americans such as Madam C.J. Walker, the first female self-made millionaire, and Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic signal and gas mask. Explore their impact on industry and society.

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UNIT STUDY: SUBJECT PLANNER

SUBJECT:

DATE/S:

BRAINSTORM

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PROJECTS:

RESOURCES & MATERIALS:

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FIELD TRIPS:

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GOALS:

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