

# Black History

## Month...



### Here's a little history...

AMERICANS HAVE RECOGNIZED BLACK HISTORY ANNUALLY SINCE 1926, FIRST AS "NEGRO HISTORY WEEK" AND LATER AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH."

## Here's what you don't know...

- **WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IS THAT BLACK HISTORY HAD BARELY BEGUN TO BE STUDIED-OR EVEN DOCUMENTED-WHEN THE TRADITION ORIGINATED.**
- **ALTHOUGH BLACKS HAVE BEEN IN AMERICA AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS COLONIAL TIMES, IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE 20TH CENTURY THAT THEY GAINED A RESPECTABLE PRESENCE IN THE HISTORY BOOKS.**

**So who finally took the time to recognize and study African American History????**

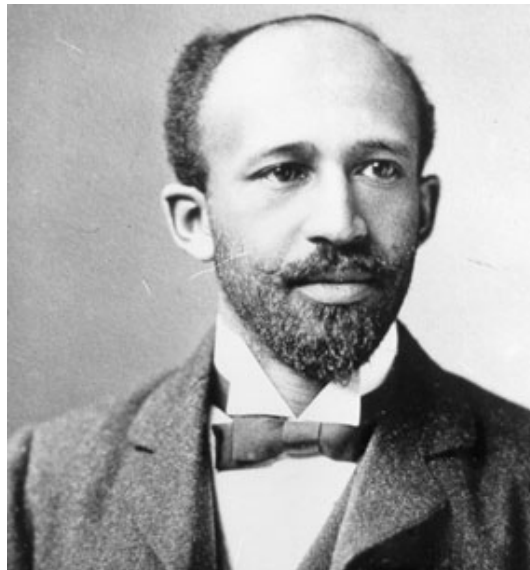
**WE OWE THE CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE STUDY OF BLACK HISTORY, TO DR. CARTER G. WOODSON. THE SCHOLAR WAS DISTURBED TO FIND IN HIS STUDIES THAT HISTORY BOOKS LARGELY IGNORED THE BLACK AMERICAN POPULATION-AND WHEN BLACKS DID FIGURE INTO THE PICTURE, IT WAS GENERALLY IN WAYS THAT REFLECTED THEM AS INFERIOR.**



**Here are a few milestones in African American History throughout the month of February...**

**FEBRUARY 23, 1868:**

**W. E. B. DuBois, IMPORTANT CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE NAACP, WAS BORN.**



**FEBRUARY 3, 1870:**

**THE 15TH AMENDMENT WAS PASSED, GRANTING BLACKS THE RIGHT TO VOTE.**

**FEBRUARY 25, 1870:**  
**THE FIRST BLACK U.S. SENATOR,**  
**HIRAM R. REVELS (1822-1901), TOOK**  
**HIS OATH OF OFFICE.**



**FEBRUARY 12, 1909:**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
(NAACP) WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP  
OF CONCERNED BLACK AND WHITE  
CITIZENS IN NEW YORK CITY.**



**FEBRUARY 1, 1960:**  
**IN WHAT WOULD BECOME A CIVIL-**  
**RIGHTS MOVEMENT MILESTONE, A**  
**GROUP OF BLACK GREENSBORO, N.C.,**  
**COLLEGE STUDENTS BEGAN A SIT-IN AT**  
**A SEGREGATED WOOLWORTH'S LUNCH**  
**COUNTER.**



**FEBRUARY 21, 1965:**  
**MALCOLM X, THE MILITANT LEADER**  
**WHO PROMOTED BLACK NATIONALISM,**  
**WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY THREE BLACK**  
**MUSLIMS.**



***Celebrate Black History***  
***Month!!!!!!!***

*Remember the past.*

*Live the reality.*

