

African-American History Month

In the United States, the celebration of Negro History Week began in February 1926. Fifty years later the week turned into a month, and renamed African American History Month, as a way to acknowledge, emphasize, and honor the contributions of African Americans to the nation. With this in mind, many diverse institutions undertake myriad activities and educational, cultural, and scientific programs. Regardless, Maya

Angelou's notion that we are hopeful for a time when we will not have to devote just one month to this history, for a time when it is studied as an inseparable part of U.S. history (a sentiment echoed by Morgan Freeman: "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history"), this month is extraordinarily relevant because there is still so much to do in order to achieve real equality. 2012 is devoted specifically to black women.



Scenes from the 11th Annual African-American Cultural Celebration



W.E.B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Barack Obama, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman



African-American youth in history



Picking cotton



March on Washington led by Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963



African-American Civil War Museum



Rosa Parks, 1955



African Legacy