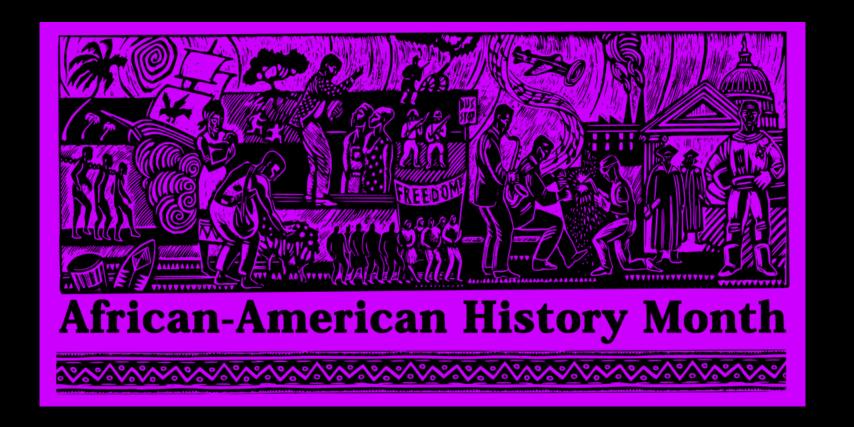


Black History Month takes place in February in the USA and Canada. In the UK it takes place in October.



Most black Americans can trace their roots to Africa. Many years ago Africans were captured and taken to America to be slaves.









About 12 million West Africans were shipped to be sold as slaves in other countries too.

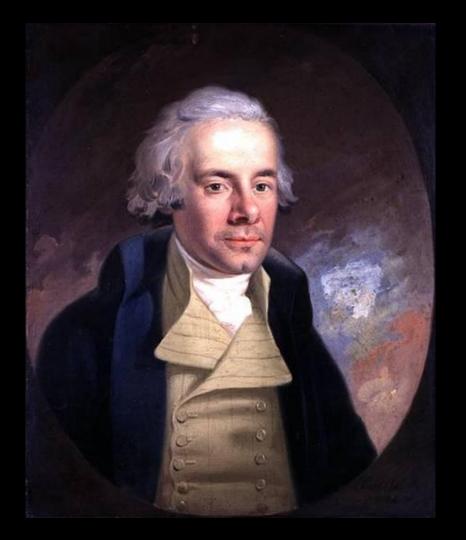


They were made to do hard work in the fields and on plantations.





In Great Britain a group of English people began to try to end the selling of slaves.



William Wilberforce, a British Member of Parliament, worked hard to get laws passed to stop slavery.



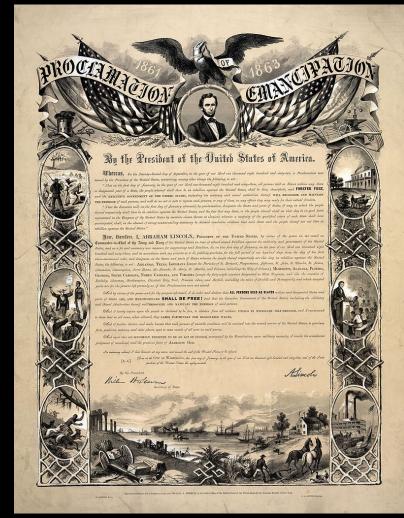
In America a group of people started to help slaves to escape to freedom. They set up an organisation called the Underground Railroad.

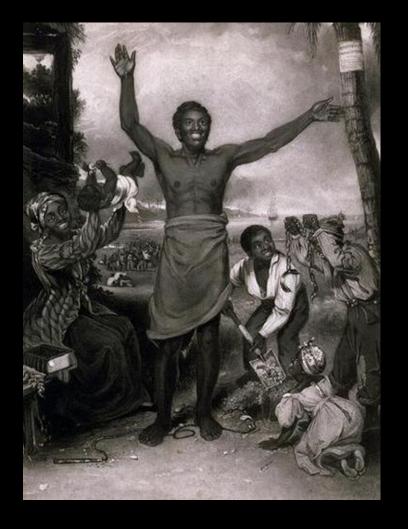
The Underground Railroad was an organisation that helped slaves to escape from the south to the north of America. In 1849 Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery and became a leader of the Underground Railroad.





On January 1st, 1863 Abraham Lincoln, the President of the USA, signed the Emancipation Proclamation which allowed slaves to go free.





On 6th December, 1865 slavery was completely banned by a special law called the 13th Amendment.







In 1926, Carter Woodson from the USA, started a Negro History Week that took place in February each year. He wanted people to know about the achievements of African-Americans.



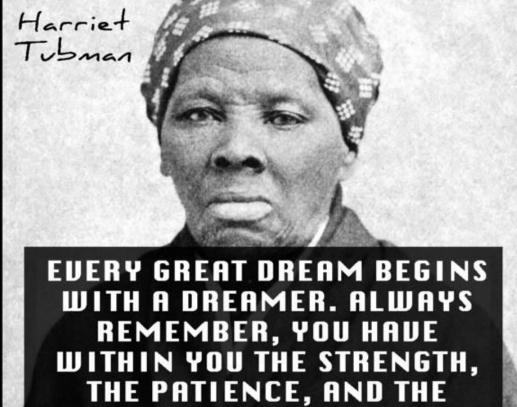
The name was changed from Negro History Week to Black History Month in February 1970.



Black History Month gives people the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans both in the past and present.







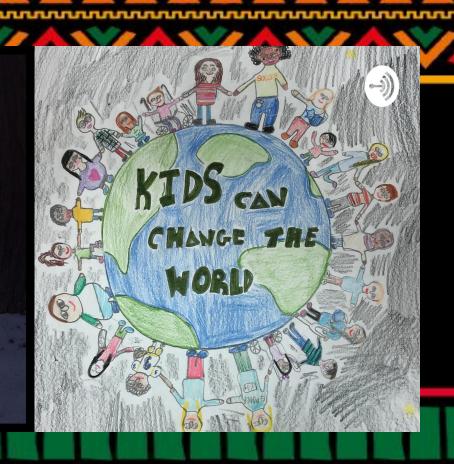
PASSION TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.







One tiny child can change the world. One tiny light can show the way.













I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

~ Martin Luther King

The time is always right to do what is right.

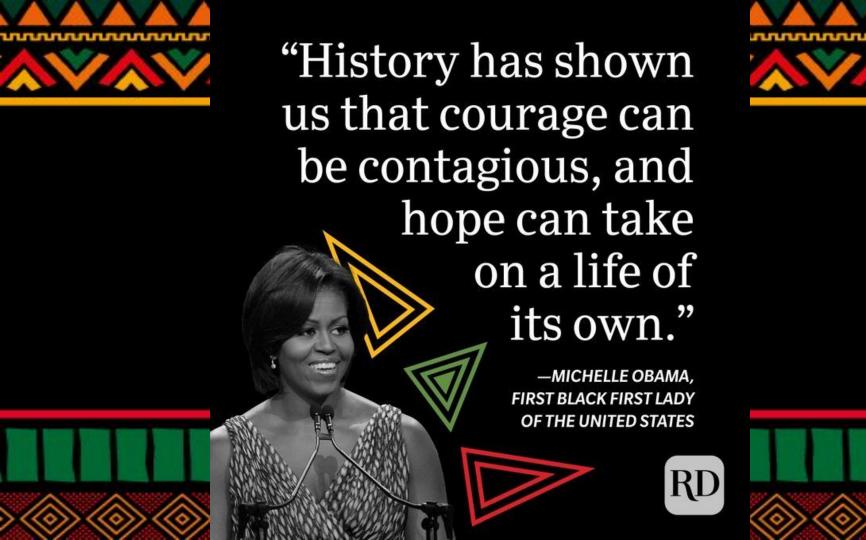
~ Martin Luther King Jr.











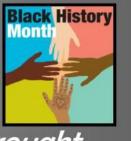
Reflection

Think about a time when you've experienced things that seem unfair...

How did you feel and what did you do..?
Did you have the courage to say anything..?
Sometimes it can be difficult to speak out against unfairness...but sometimes all it takes is a single courageous voice to begin to put things right again...



Let us finish with a prayer to celebrate Black History Month



"Thank you Lord for those who have brought light to world with their kindness and courage. Help us never to forget the past and those who have worked to make the lives of others better. Give us the strength that many black people had as they strived to make a difference in the world. Help us to keep their memory alive and to use the stories from the past to help us make good choices in the present. Amen."









We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.

— Nelson Mandela —

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