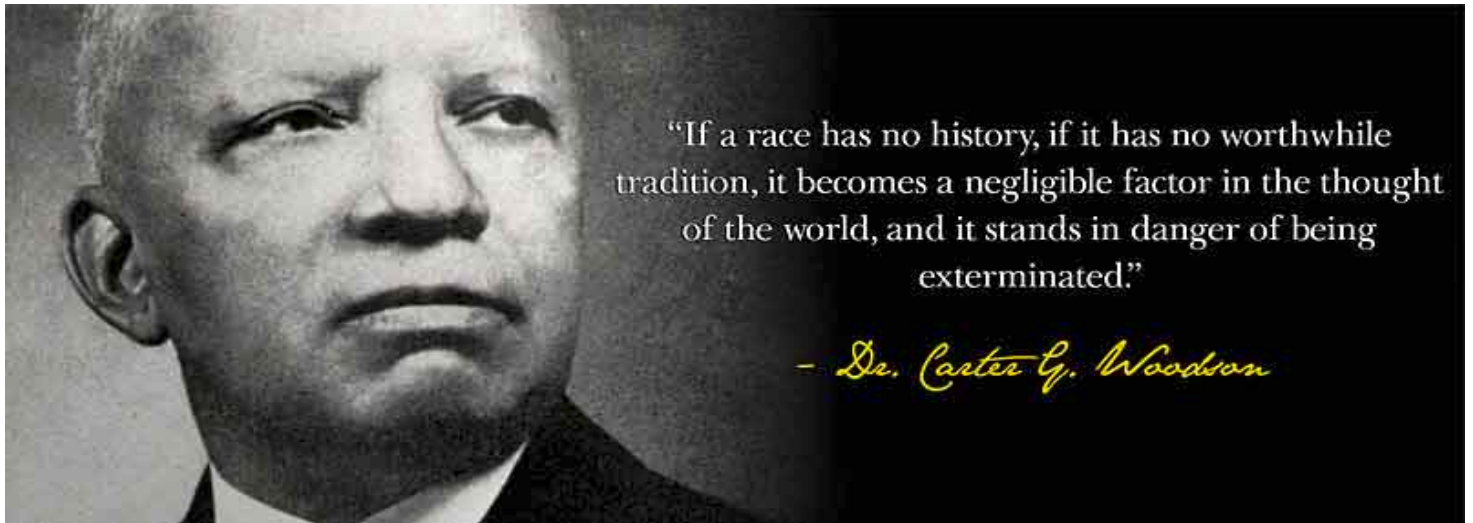


# Black History Month

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As Black History Month is winding down, we want to honor this as a time of reflection, reverence, and recognition. The rising of voices in the movement of #BlackLivesMatter makes this time even more tender in resolving this amnesia U.S. American citizens have around their people of African descent. Originally Black History Month was just a week and started the second week of February--formerly known as Negro History Week in 1926 began by Carter G. Woodson-- and now it's celebrated in Canada, UK, Germany, and Netherlands. (*National Geographic Kids*, 1996-2015). Like Woodson, you too can preserve this celebration of remembrance by reaching out to congress members and asking what is their action plan to celebrate Black History Month, as well as if there will be any legislative action in motion (*National Today*, 2017-2021). Within this document you'll have the opportunity to be a part of, volunteer, and recognise some wonderful black folks and those of African descent who were trailblazers--be sure to click on any [link](#) throughout the doc. to learn more information. At the very end there will be a Poll, we want to hear your voice too. May the highlighted leaders here inspire you to seek out more education about African-American legends, and invite us all to commit to ongoing reverence for Black history and culture.

## *Be a Part of*

[Smithsonian](#) National Museum of American History: Virtual events throughout the month!!

[New York Public Library](#) Digital Schomburg

[Local](#) in Colorado

## *Volunteer*

May you have the resources or time to spare, you can volunteer at these Black-led organizations. [Black Girls CODE](#), [National Society of Black Engineers](#), and [My Brother's Keeper Alliance](#) are good places to start. Supporting **local** Black owned business can be found in [City Life Boulder](#) Lifestyle+Culture Issue.

## *Recognize*

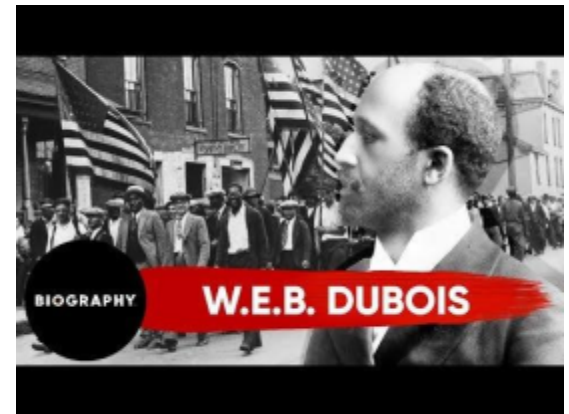
The blue links below will bring you to educational youtube videos about a few deeply influential black and of African heritage leaders in American History:

[Harriet Tubman](#)- Managed epileptic seizures as she helps free African-American slaves through the underground railroad.



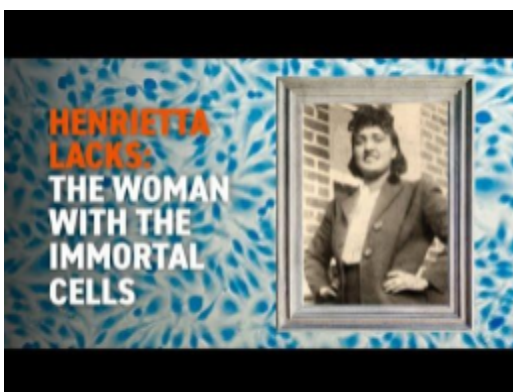
[Lucy Gonzalez Parsons](#)- Of African and Native American heritage. A writer for economics and racial justice in U.S. and around the world

[W.E.B. Du Bois](#)- American sociologist, socialist, historian, civil rights activist one of the founders of NAACP, Pan-Africanist, author, writer and editor. 1st African-American to earn a Doctorate degree.



[Marsha P. Johnson](#)- A transwoman who was part of the Stonewall Riots and revolutionary for the LGBTQ+ community.

[Wilma Rudolph](#)- Stricken with polio yet she is the first American to win 3 gold medals from a single Olympics.



[Henrietta Lacks](#)- Donated her cancer cells which are to date the source of the HeLa cell line (cervical cancer) cure.

[Jesse Jackson](#)- 1st African-American candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.





[Madam CJ Walker](#)- Born the daughter of enslaved parents, she was the first self-made female millionaire.

[Maya Angelou](#)- Poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist that received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees.



[John Lewis](#)- Civil Rights leader known for his display of nonviolent protests, such as the Selma March.

[Katherine Johnson](#)- Female mathematician who broke gender and race barriers at NASA.



[Hank Aaron](#)- One of the greatest baseball players of all time, breaking Babe Ruth's home-run record

## ***Sites***

[Association for the Study of African American Life and History. 2009-2011](#)

[National Geographic Kids.1996-2015](#)

[National Today, 2017-2021](#)

## ***Other Resources***

[Anti-Racism Resource Guide](#)

[Black History Month Resource Guide from the Center for Racial Justice in Education](#)

***Want more? Please complete this Poll!***

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