



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOOLS

Honoring
Black History Month
African Americans and the Arts

Discover and honor the extraordinary contributions of African-Americans in the arts, from trailblazing musicians to groundbreaking artists. Join us in exploring their impactful legacy and achievements, celebrating the diversity that shapes our extraordinary history!





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Black History Month traces its origins back to the vision of writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who introduced Negro History Week in 1926.

Dr. Woodson strategically chose the second week of February, between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, for this commemorative week.

Since 1976, each U.S. president has officially designated February as Black History Month.





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 **Black History Month Digital Toolkit** 

Celebrate the humanity, innovation, and vision of African American artists. Throughout February, embark on a journey structured around five weekly themes that honor the contributions of Black individuals who have utilized art as a means of advocating for social justice. This Digital Toolkit is available through the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



Week 1: Literature and Poetry

Week 2: Performing Arts

Week 3: Visual Arts

Week 4: Music

Week 5: Digital Arts



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Other ways to celebrate



MUSIC & CULTURE

Visit the Archives of African American Music and Culture (AAAMC) to explore online exhibits showcasing African American music and cultural expressions.

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ART

Visit the Museum of American Art (MAAA) to learn about influential African American artists and their contributions to world culture through online collections.

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DANCE

Visit the Dance Theatre of Harlem to view online exhibits showcasing the efforts of “Dancing Through Barriers” while providing access to ballet for all!

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