

# Black Facts 2008



Black History Every Day

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1943- George Washington Carver died.

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1773- Massachusetts slaves petitioned for freedom.

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1890- William B. Purvis patented fountain pen.

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1863- Emancipation Proclamation issued.

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1965- Martin Luther King, Jr. called for protest when Alabama Blacks not allowed to vote.

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1624- William Tucker, 1st Black child born in U.S.

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1971- Congressional Black Caucus formed.

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1948- U.S. Supreme Court ruled Blacks have right to study law at state institutions.

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1966- Robert C. Weaver nominated Secretary of HUD.

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1990- L. Douglas Wilder became 1st Black governor since Reconstruction.

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1868- Black delegates majority at South Carolina State Assembly.

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1879- Martin Luther King Jr. born.

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1978- NASA named Black astronauts: Guion Bluford, Ronald McNair, Frederick Gregory.

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1985- Rouben V. Anderson, 1st Black appointed to Mississippi Supreme Court.

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1788- Blacks organized Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

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1788- Andrew Bryan, 1st Black pastor, ordained.

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1977- Patricia Roberts Harris became 1st Black woman to hold Cabinet position.

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1773- Phyllis Wheatley freed.

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1793- Benjamin Banneker helped plan Washington, D.C.

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1977- 1st ABC TV showing of "Roots".

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1938- Captain B. Collins patented portable electric light.

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1961- Carl T. Rowan, journalist, given White House job.

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1961- Leontyne Price debuted with Metropolitan Opera.

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1986- Ronald McNair died on Challenger.

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1938- 1st Black Woman elected to a state legislature.

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1926- Violet Neely Anderson became 1st Black woman to argue before Supreme Court.

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1995- Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King's home firebombed.

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1865- Congress passed 13th Amendment.

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1917- Lewis H. Latimer, inventor, honored.

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1866- Fisk University founded.

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1811- Charles Desha led slave revolt in New Orleans.

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1811- Philadelphia Blacks held meetings to protest campaign "to exile us from the land of our nativity."

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1866- Georgia Equal Rights Association organized.

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1917- Virgin Islands purchased by U.S.

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1920- Negro Baseball League founded.

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Rosa Parks born

2007- Tony Danzy became 1st Black head coach to win Super bowl.

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Helen Mirren's Fred

1644- 1st Black legal protest in America by 11 Blacks who petitioned for freedom in New York.

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Hays P. Newton born

1950- Thomas L. Griffith admitted to Los Angeles Bar Association.

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1811- Daniel A. Payne educator, born.

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1934- Hank Aaron born.

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Bill Russell born

1793- Congress passed Fugitive Slave Act.  
1909- NAACP founded in NY.

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1790- George Bridgwater, musician, made London debut.  
1940- Smokey Robinson born.

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Ray Charles born

1926- Carter G. Woodson announced "Negro History Week."

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1820- U.S. Blacks emigrate (from NY) back to Sierra Leone.  
1961- Jail Movement began in Rock Hill, S.C. when students refused to pay fines & requested jail sentences.

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Sidney Poitier born

1895- Death of Frederick Douglass.

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1844- The Dominican Republic established.  
1988- Debi Thomas became 1st Black to win medal at Winter Olympics.

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1827- Frederick Douglass & Black delegation called on President Johnson.

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Frederick Douglass born

1827- Augusta Institute, later Morehouse College, opened in Atlanta.

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Rosa Parks born

1965- Malcolm X assassinated.

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1708- Slave Revolt on Long Island. At least seven whites killed.  
1840- Charles Lenox Remond testified before Massachusetts

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Langston Hughes born

1865- John S. Rock, 1st Black to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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1951- Private Edward O. Callahan, Memphis soldier, awarded Distinguished Service Cross.

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1957- Southern Christian Leadership Conference organized.

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1927- Adam Clayton Powell stripped of senility.

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\*February 29th  
1919 Pan-African Congress organized by W.E.B. (in 29th).  
1940 Tuskegee Airman initiated.

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1807- Congress legally banned foreign slave trade.  
1776- George Washington answered letter from Phyllis Wheatley.

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1906- Paul Lawrence Dunbar died.  
1964- Arthur Ashe, Jr. became 1st Black on U.S. Davis Cup team.

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1874- Frederick Douglass elected President of Freedom's Bank & Trust Company.

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W.E.B. DuBois born

1868- W.E.B. DuBois born. Died 1963.

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<p>1867- Howard University chartered.</p>	<p>1865- Freedman's Bureau established.</p>  <p>Isabel Ayres Kerner</p>	<p>1875- Blanche Bruce elected United States Senator, Mississippi.</p>  <p>Blanche Bruce</p>	<p>1770- Crispus Attucks became one of the first casualties of the Boston Massacre.</p>			<p>1739- British forced to sign peace treaty with escaped slave societies in Jamaica.</p> <p>1780- Pennsylvania became 1st state to abolish slavery.</p>
<p>1827- 1st Black newspaper published.</p>	<p>1896- C.B. 5 coat patented street sweeper.</p> <p>1990 Playwright August Wilson won Pulitzer Prize for "Fences."</p>  <p>August Wilson</p>	<p>1959- "Raisin in the Sun" opened on Broadway.</p>	<p>1770- Army paycheck issued William Kitchen, a slave.</p>	<p>1889- Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable founded Chicago.</p> <p>1865- Bill authorized slaves as soldiers in Confederate Army.</p>  <p>Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable</p>	<p>1877- Dred Scott Decision.</p>	<p>1876- Senate refused to seat P.B.S. Pinchback of Louisiana.</p> <p>1947- John Lee, became 1st Black officer in Navy.</p>
<p>1870- Fifteenth Amendment ratified.</p>	<p>2002- Halle Berry became 1st Black woman to win "Best Actress" Oscar.</p>  <p>Halle Berry</p>	<p>1931- "Scottsboro boys" falsely accused of rape.</p>  <p>Scottsboro boys</p>	<p>1911- William H. Lewis became U.S. Assistant Attorney General.</p>	<p>1976- Rubin "Hurricane" Carter released from prison.</p>	<p>1965- 54 mile voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, AL began.</p> <p>1994- Sol Butler set track record.</p>	<p>1968- State troopers sent to put down student rebellion on Cheyney State College campus.</p> <p>1815- Napoleon banned slave trade.</p>

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1909 - Matthew Henson reached North Pole.  
1931 - "Scottsboro Boys" went on trial for their lives.

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Bill Holiday born

1712 - Slave revolt in New York City; 9 Whites killed.

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1964 - Sidney Poitier won Academy Award for "Best Actor."  
1954 - Lucy C. Laney, educator, born.

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Luther Vandross born

1856 - Fisk University Nashville, TN, opened

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1961 - Sierra Leone granted independence.

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1950 - Death of Charles Drew, developer of blood plasma.

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1974 - Hank Aaron set new home run record.

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1960 - Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee organized, Shaw University.  
1964 - Sidney Poitier won Academy Award for Best actor.

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1970 - Student protest at Yale supported Panthers.

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Duke Ellington born

1899 - Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, born.

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Martin Gays born

1796 - Toussaint L'Ouverture commanded French Forces at St. Domingo.

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Paul Robeson born

1866 - Civil Rights Bill passed over presidential veto.

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1862 - Slavery abolished in D.C.

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1872 - Charlotte E. Ray admitted to Bar.

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1828 - Shaka Zulu killed.

1983 - "Memphis Blues" honored at Smithsonian (29-30).

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1990 - Death of Carter G. Woodson.

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1833 - London acclaimed Ira Aldridge in "Othello".

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1798 - Francis Williams, 1st Black college graduate, published poem book in Latin.

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1920 - Black student entered University of North Carolina.

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1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in Memphis.

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1947 - Jackie Robinson played 1st game.

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Karen Abdul Jabbar born

1818 - Indians & Blacks defeated in Battle of Sewanee.

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Earl Warren born

1941 - Fair employment Practices Commission established.

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1856 - Booker T. Washington born a slave in Virginia.

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1787 - Free African Society organized.

1861 - Confederate attack on Fort Sumter opened Civil War.

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1775 - Black & white minutemen fought at Lexington & Concord.

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1994 - 1st all-race elections in South Africa.

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1897 - J.H. Smith patented lawn Sprinkler.

1961 - Freedom Riders began protesting bus segregation.

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1798 - Date of Thaddeus Kosciuszko's Will for education of Blacks.

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1960 - Civil Rights Act.

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1963 - Birmingham protests began.

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1925 - The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, trailblazing Black labor union, organized by A. Philip Randolph.

1970 - "Chicago Seven" Panther indictment dropped.

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1867 - First game of National Negro Baseball League.

1862 - Slaves in Georgia, Florida, & South Carolina freed.

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1994 - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela inaugurated 1st elected president of South Africa.

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1865 - Blacks demanded equal rights & ballots in Norfolk, Virginia.

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1871 - "Sit-in" Protest staged in Louisville, Kentucky.

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1862 - Robert Smalls & 12 Blacks captured "Planter," cotton steamer converted into Confederate battleship.

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1888 - Abolition of slavery in Brazil.

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1791 - Civil Rights granted to free mulattoes in French colonies.

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1963 - Theodore K. Lewis, dermatologist, honored in Chicago.

1966 - Stokely Carmichael named head of S.N.C.C.

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1954 - Brown vs. Board of Ed. Supreme Court school segregation decision.

1956 - Sugar Ray Leonard born.

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1896 - Plessy vs. Ferguson.

1955 - Mary McLeod Bethune died.

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1976 - Gwendolyn Brooks inducted into National Institute of Arts & Letters.

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1938 - Robert N.C. Nix elected to Congress, Pennsylvania.

1984 - The Cosby Show premiered on NBC.

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1891 - Peter Jackson fought 61 round draw with white boxer.

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1966 - Bill Cosby became 1st Black to earn Emmy award for starring role in "I Spy."

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1871 - L. Bell patented locomotive smoke stack.

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1854 - Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, founded.

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1951 - Willie Mays entered Major League Baseball.

1971 - Racial tension escalated after Jo Etha Carter, an 18 yr. old girl was shot dead in Drew, MS.

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1965 - Voting Rights Bill passed

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1870 - Michael Howard arrived at West Point Academy from Mississippi.

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1851 - Sojourner Truth attended Women's Rights Convention.

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1950 - American Bowling Congress eliminated racial designations.

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1822 - Slave betrayed Denmark Vesey slave revolt.

1909 - 1st Conference of National Negro Committee (now NAACP).

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1955 - Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed".

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1875- James A. Healey ordained Catholic Bishop.

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1943-99th Pursuit Squadron's 1st combat mission.

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Josephine Baker born

1994- Granville T. Woods patented steam boiler furnace.

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1665- 1st Baptist Church in U.S. founded.  
1972- Angela Davis acquitted.

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1907- Jockey Jimmy Lee made racing history.  
1987- Mae Jemison became 1st Black woman astronaut.

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1863- Battle of Milliken's Bend. Black soldier took former master prisoner.  
1939- Marian Wright Edelman was born.

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Price born

1892- G.T. Sampson patented clothes dryer.

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1953- Supreme Court outlawed discrimination in D.C. restaurants.

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1989- Call for Reparations by Congressman John Conyers.

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1794- Richard Allen started Independent Methodist Movement.  
1940- Marcus Garvey died.  
1946- Jack Johnson died.

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1911- Marcus Garvey founded Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA).  
1963- Black students admitted to UA after George Wallace stood in doorway.

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1963- Medgar Evers killed in Jackson, Mississippi.

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1868- Oscar J. Dunn, ex-slave, installed as Lt. Gov. of LA.

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1952- Dr. Harold D. West named pres. Of Meharry College, Nashville.

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1877- Henry O. Flipper graduated from West Point.

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Tupac born

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Venus Williams born

1972- Frank Wells discovered Watergate break-in.

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1863- Wm. H. Cramey earned highest army medal.

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1985- Texas Blacks notified of Emancipation Proclamation (Juneteenth).

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1967- Muhammad Ali convicted for refusing induction into armed services.

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1821- A.M.E. Zion Church organized, N.Y.C.

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1938- Joe Louis defeated Max Schmeling.

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Mrs Beulah B born

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1863- 80 Black recruits reported to P.A. army camp.

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1876- Isaiah Dorman, Black, 1st to die in Indian-U.S. battle.

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1989- Prince Edward County, VA. Abandoned public school system.

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1935- A. Phillip Randolph named president of 1st Black labor union.

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1770- Philadelphia school for Black opened by Quakers.  
1971- Draft evasion conviction of Muhammad Ali overturned.

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1870- J.W. Smith wrote "The Colored Cadet-Handshaps at West Point."

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John Hope born

1905- John Hope became 1st Black president of Morehouse College.

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1854. Republican party organized to oppose slavery.  
1971. Louis Armstrong died.

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1948. Cleveland Indians signed Leroy (Satchel) Peige.

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1870. James W. Smith entered West Point.  
1924. DeHart Hubbard won Olympic victory.

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1893. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed 1st open heart operation.

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1962. Jackie Robinson named to Baseball Hall of Fame.  
1875. Mary McLeod Bethune born.

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1776. Claudiah Equiano bought his freedom.  
1905. NAACP Movement forerunner of NAACP, organized.

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1975. Arthur Ashe won men's single championship.

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1787. Slavery banned in Northwest Territory.

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1951. George Washington Carver National Monument dedicated in MO.

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1779. Pompey Lamb, noted Black spy aided war effort.

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1944. Charles R. Dew awarded Spingarn Medal.

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1862. The arming of Blacks approved by Congress.

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1863. 54th Colored Regiment launched attack on Ft. Wagner, S.C.

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1867. Congressional Reconstruction received legal basis.

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1849. Women's Rights Convention aided anti-slavery cause.

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1896. National Association of Colored Women organized led by Mary Church Terrell.

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1822. Denmark Vesey hanged.  
1963. Floyd Patterson lost boxing match to Sunny Liston.

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1868. Fourteenth Amendment ratified.

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1924. United Negro College Fund founded.  
1954. Charles Bush named Black page in Supreme Court.  
1954. Mary Church Terrell died.

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1941. U.S. government admitted Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment.

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1847. Liberia declared independent republic.

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1948. Legal basis established for desegregation of armed forces.

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1869. Fourteenth Amendment adopted.

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1895. 1st National Conference of Colored Women Convention.

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1906. John Hope became 1st Black president of Morehouse College.

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1921. Urban League Executive, Whitney Young, Jr. born.

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1881. Booker T. Washington began work at Tuskegee.

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1936. Cornelius Johnson set world high jump record.

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1908 - Allenworth Township established in California for former slaves.

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Louis Armstrong born

1896 - W.S. Grant patented curtain rod support.

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1965 - Thurgood Marshall named solicitor general.

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Alex Haley born

1974 - Dr. King's picture hung in Ga. Capitol.

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Marcus Garvey born

1972 - Andrew Young elected to Congress.

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Athia Green born

1950 - Edith Sampson, 1st Black appointed to U.N.

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1836 - Henry Blair patented cotton planting machine.

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1864 - Gurner John Lawson earned Congressional Medal.  
1962 - Nelson Mandela imprisoned.  
1966 - Martin Luther King Jr. scored while leading demonstration in Chicago.

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1890 - Systematic exclusion of Blacks from political life began (Miss.).

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1884 - M. C. Harvey patented lantern.  
1999 - Desmond Tutu defied apartheid law by walking alone on a beach.

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1965 - President Johnson signed Voting Rights Bill.

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1892 - 1st issue of Afro-American newspaper.

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James O. Eastland

1619 - 20 Africans brought as involuntary settlers to Jamestown, VA.

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Ralph Bunche born

1993 - Black longshoremen struck for better wages & working conditions in T.Y.

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1862 - U.S. President Lincoln addressed Black audience at White House.

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1831 - Nat Turner led slave revolt.  
1899 - The Atlanta NAACP office was tear gassed.

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1977 - Benjamin L. Hooks became NAACP Executive Director.

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Matthew Heron born

1965 - Voting Rights act passed.

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1975 - Juane Lurie acquitted of charges in 1974 killing of a white jockey.

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1843 - Henry Highland Garnett called general slave strike.  
1899 - Husey Newton shot to death.

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James Baker born

1850 - William Still started Underground Railroad.

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Wilma Hudson born

1936 - Jesse Owens won 4th Olympic gold medal in Berlin.

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1970 - Federal warrant issued for Angela Davis.

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Dave Chapel born

1796 - A. M. E. Church incorporated.

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1800 - Gabriel Prosser slave revolt, Virginia.  
1983 - Guion Bluford became 1st Black astronaut in space.

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1977 - Lou Brock set stolen base record.

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1963 - March on Washington.

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1963 - W.E.B. Dubois died.

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1943 - Wm. L. Dawson elected Black Democratic Party vice President candidate.

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1862 - 5,000 slaves armed by Secretary of War.

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1950 - Edith Sampson, 1st Black appointed to U.N.

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1977- Death of Ethel Waters at age 77.

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1969- Civil disorder in Hartford, Connecticut.

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1886- Alain Locke, 1st Black Rhodes Scholar, born.

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1974- Black Caucus had 1st meeting with President Ford.

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1877- "Pop" Singleton founded "Singleton's Colony, Kansas".

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1800- James Durham was 1st recognized Black doctor.

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1859- John Merrick, co-founder North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, born.

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1739- Slave revolt in Stono, S.C. Twenty-five whites killed.  
1915- Association for Study of Negro Life & History organized by Carter Woodson.

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1974- Guinea Bissau free from Portuguese rule.

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1974- Haile Selassie I, deposed from Ethiopian throne.

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1787- 1st Black Masonic Lodge organized.

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1663- 1st serious slave conspiracy, Virginia.

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1940- Selective Service Act.

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1849- Slavery abolished in French possessions.

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1983- Vanessa Williams became first Black Miss America.

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1885- Equal Rights Mass meeting, Richmond, Virginia.

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1947- Jackie Robinson named Rookie of the Year.

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1830- 1st Black National Convention.  
1958- Martin Luther King, Jr. stabbed by Black woman.

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1872- John Conyers entered Ann Arbor.

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1863- Mary Church Terrell born.

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957- Soldiers escorted 9 Black children to Central High School.

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1974- Barbara W. Hancock was 1st Black female White House Fellow.

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1918- 368th Black Infantry Regiment praised.

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1912- W.C. Handy published "Memphis Blues".

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1829- David Walker's Appeal discovered in several areas of U.S.  
1895- National Baptist Convention organized.

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1864- 13 Blacks won Congressional Medal of Honor.

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1977- Muhammad Ali defeated Earnie Shavers.

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5	1997- J.H. Evans patented convertible semi-bed.	6	871- Fisk Jubilee Singers began 1st tour.	7	1800- Gabriel Prosser hanged for armed resistance.	8	1804- Jena Jacques I proclaimed Emperor of Haiti.	9	1853- Alexander T. Augusta, one of the 1st Black doctors of Civil War.	10	1966- Black Panther Party emerges in Oakland, CA (led by Huey Newton & Bobby Seale).	11	1964- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize.
12	1975- "I'm the first black baseball manager only because I was born black", Frank Robinson. 2002- Stephen Bantu Biko brutally murdered by South African government.	13	1970- Angela Davis captured by FBI agents in NY motel.	14	1974- Leroy T. Walker named Black Olympic coach.	15	1972- Jackie Robinson honored at Cincinnati Stadium.	16	1889- Morgan State College opened.	17	1968- John Carlos & Tommie Smith gave Black Power salute after medaling in the 200 meter event at the Mexico City Olympic.	18	1977- Reggie Jackson, New York, hit 3 home runs in World Series.
19	1943- "Orghello" opened with Paul Robeson in title role.	20	1946- W.E.B. DuBois' speech, "Behold The Lord".	21	1850- Chicago refused to enforce Fugitive Slave Act.	22	1952- Frank E. Peterson, Jr. commissioned as Marine Aviation Officer.	23	1947- NAACP petitioned U.N. on racial injustices.	24	1972- Death of Jackie Robinson.	25	1945- Jackie Robinson signed by Branch Rickey.
26	1921- Solomon P. Hood named Minister to Liberia.	27	1954- Benjamin O. Davis became 1st Black general in U.S. Air Force.	28	1972- Jackie Robinson biography published.	29	1974- Muhammad Ali vs. George Foreman.	30	1954- Abolition of Black unit in armed forces. 1975- Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier in "Thrilla in Manila". 1979- Richard Arlington became 1st Black mayor of Birmingham.	31	1946- Booker T. Washington entered Hall of Fame for Great Americans.		



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1903- St. Luke Penny Savings Bank opened by Maggie Lena Walker.



Dorothy Burdette born

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1888- Howard University Medical School opened.

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1892- Beharain defended his native land, Dahomey, against France.

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1980- National Black Independent Party formed.



Gordon Parks born

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1897- J.A. Sweating patented cigarette roller.

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Larry Keese born

1974- Harold Ford elected to United States Congressman, Tennessee.

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1960- Andrew Hatcher named Associate Press Secretary to U.S. President Kennedy.

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1636- Henrique Dias won battle against Dutch.  
1759- Paul Cuffe born



Scott Apkin born

24

1957- Jim Brown, Cleveland Browns, set record for yards gained.

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1953- Hubert Jack elected borough President of Manhattan.  
1988- Bill and Camille Cosby gave unprecedented gift of \$20 million to Spelman College (largest donation by Black).  
1974- Black Caucus raised to 17.

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Billy Graham born

1975- Angola declared independent.

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1787- Sojourner Truth, born.

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1925- ICC banned segregation in interstate travel.

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1968- Shirley Chisholm became 1st Black woman to serve in Congress. Eighty other Blacks elected to political office in the South.  
1974- Black Caucus raised to 17.

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1775- Blacks denied the right to enlist.  
1941- Madame Lillian Evans, founded National Negro Opera Company.

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1953- Roy Campanella named MVP in National baseball league.

26



Tina Turner born

1883- Death of Sojourner Truth.

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1901- James Weldon Johnson & partner compose "Lift Every Voice & Sing."

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1839- 1st anti-slavery political party (Liberty Party) organized.

20

1962- Discrimination banned in Federally Aided Housing.

27

1974- Black Caucus: Burke, Bellum, Hawkins, Metcalfe, young, Gay, Collins, Fauntroy.

7

1841- Slave took over the Creole on route to New Orleans from Hampton and steered it to Bahama.  
1955- Supreme Court banned segregation in recreational facilities.

14

1915- Booker T. Washington died.  
1977- Trial began for 1963 Birmingham church bombing case.

21

1865- Shaw University, North Carolina, founded.

28



Berry Gordy Jr. born

1974- Black Caucus: Rangel, Chisholm, Stokes, Mitchell, Nix, Jordan, Conyers, Diggs, Ford.

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1945- 1st issue of Ebony Magazine published.  
1787- 1st free school in New York City for Blacks.

8



Frank Riperton born

1966- Edward W. Brooke elected to U.S. Senate from Massachusetts.

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218 B.C.- Hamilcar, full blooded Black, crossed Alps.

22



Glenn Ballard born

1948- Levi Jackson captain, Yale football team.

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1905- Chicago "Defender" began publication.

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Richard Pryor

1955- Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat in Mont., AL.

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Sammy Davis Jr. born

1896- J.T. White patented lemon squeezer.

15

1973- Fourteen Black college presidents asked U.S. President Richard Nixon for funds.

22

1941- Atlanta Urban League won battle for "Mrs." for Black women.

29



Dezhael Washington born

1816- The American Colonization Society organized.

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1859- John Brown executed for insurrection.

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1946- Committee on Civil Rights organized by Executive Order.

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1976- Andrew Young appointed Ambassador to U.N.

23



C. L. Walker born

1975- Stanley Scott appointed to AID African Staff.

30

1800- Blacks represented 20% of U.S. population.

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1847- Frederick Douglass published 1st issue of "North Star".

10

1846- Norbert Billieux patented sugar-making equipment.  
1964- Martin Luther King, Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

17

1663- Death of Angolan Queen Nzingha.

24

1814- Black Troops held position, battle of New Orleans.

31

1862- Watch Night, residents of Rochester, N.Y. joined Frederick Douglass in anticipation of Emancipation Proclamation.  
1900- Selma Burke, sculptor, born.  
1952- Ends 1st full year in 71 years without a lynching.

4

1969- Chicago police murdered Black Panther leaders Fred Hampton & Mark Clark in their beds.

11

1872- P.B.S. Pinback became acting governor of Louisiana.

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1865- Thirteenth Amendment adopted.  
1912- Gen. Benjamin O Davis born in D.C.

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1760- Jupiter Hammon, Black slave published "Salvation of Christ".

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1784- Phyllis Wheatley, Black poet, died.

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1870- Joseph H. Riney elected U.S. House of Representatives.

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1875- Carter G. Woodson, historian, born.

26

1848- Ellen & William Craft escaped from slavery in GA.  
1908- Jack Johnson became 1st Black heavyweight champion.

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1890- Sgt. Thomas Shaw earned Congressional Medal of Honor.

13



David Dinkins born

1973- David Dinkins named deputy mayor of N.Y.C.

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1933- J. Jackson published "Am I A Soldier of the Cross".

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Stewart & Johnson

1887- Stewart & Johnson patented metal bending machine.

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1971—Congressional Black Caucus formed.

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1943—George Washington Carver died.

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1773—Massachusetts slaves petitioned for freedom.

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1890—William B. Purvis patented fountain pen.

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1811—Charles Deslandes led slave revolt in New Orleans.

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1886—Fisk University founded.

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1815—Philadelphia Blacks held meetings to protest campaign "to exile us from the land of our nativity."  
1866—Georgia Equal Rights Association organized.

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1985—Reuben V. Anderson, 1st Black appointed to Mississippi Supreme Court.

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1948—U.S. Supreme Court ruled Blacks have right to study law at state institutions.  
1982—University of Tennessee admitted 1st Black student.

13

1966—Robert C. Weaver nominated Secretary of HUD.  
1990—L. Douglas Wilder became 1st Black governor since Reconstruction.

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1868—Black delegates met jointly at South Carolina State Assembly.

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1929—Martin Luther King Jr. born.

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1978—NASA named Black astronauts: Guion Bluford, Ronald McNair, Frederick Gregory.

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1917—Virgin Islands purchased by U.S.

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1938—Captain B. Collins patented portable electric light.

19

1788—Blacks organized Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

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1788—Andrew Bryan, 1st Black pastor, ordained.  
1977—Patricia Roberts Harris became 1st Black woman to hold Cabinet position.

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1773—Phyllis Wheatley freed.

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1793—Benjamin Banneker helped plan Washington, D.C.

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1977—1st ABC TV showing of "Roots".

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1918—Lewis H. Latimer, inventor, honored.

25

1966—Constance B. Motley appointed federal judge, 1st

26



1961—Carl T. Rowan, journalist, given White House job.

27

1961—Lorraine Price debuted with Metropolitan Opera.  
1972—Mahalia Jackson died.

28

1938—1st Black Woman elected to a state legislature.  
1944—Matthew Hanson received medal as co-discoverer of North Pole.  
1986—Ronald McNair died on

29



1926—Vivienne Neely Anderson became 1st Black woman to argue before Supreme Court.  
1977—Andrew Young's U.N. appointment confirmed by

30

1797—Earliest Black petition to Congress.  
1986—Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King's home firebombed

31



1865—Congress passed 13th

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