



## Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated every February in the United States to recognize the history, achievements, and contributions of African Americans.

It began in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. He believed Black history was ignored in textbooks and education systems.

The celebration expanded into a full month in 1976.

### Historical Context

For much of U.S. history:

- Black achievements were excluded from school curricula.
- Enslaved and formerly enslaved people were portrayed inaccurately.
- Contributions to science, politics, and culture were minimized.

Black History Month corrects this historical omission.