

Black History Month: A time to Reflect and Celebrate

Black History Month is celebrated in February in the United States, Canada, and Germany and in October in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Netherlands. It is a time dedicated to honouring and celebrating the achievements, history, and cultural richness of people of African descent worldwide. This commemoration was started in the United States by historian Carter G. Woodson who wanted to recognise and share the contributions of Black people living there. Over time, the observance has expanded globally, providing more opportunities to reflect on both the obstacles and struggles and the triumphs and achievements of Black communities around the world.

Black History Month offers an opportunity to remember pivotal figures and events that have shaped, not only individual nations, but also the global community. From the resistance against colonialism and slavery in Africa and the Caribbean to the civil rights movements in the United States and the UK, and from artistic, sporting, and literary achievements to breakthroughs in science, technology, and politics, Black History Month covers a wide range of topics and themes.

Throughout the month, events, such as lectures, exhibitions, and performances, are organised to educate the public about the influential roles played by people of African descent. It's a time when the stories of leaders like Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Wangari Maathai, and many others are highlighted to inspire and educate. These stories are not just about the fight against oppression but also about the significant contributions that have enriched global culture and history.

Moreover, Black History Month serves as a crucial moment to discuss ongoing challenges facing Black communities around the world, including the fight for racial justice, equality, and the dismantling of systemic racism. It is a reminder that while significant progress has been made, there is still work to be done in achieving equal rights for all.

Questions

1. What is Black History Month?
2. Where is Black History Month celebrated?
3. In which month is Black History Month celebrated in the UK, Ireland and Netherlands?
4. Who originally established Black History Month?
5. What are some significant historical events or milestones often recognised during Black History Month?
6. Name three notable Black American figures celebrated in this month.

7. Name three notable Black UK figures celebrated in this month.

8. Name three notable Black figures from outside the USA and UK celebrated in this month.

9. Why is it important to learn about Black Culture and history?

10. What key themes are emphasised during Black History Month?

11. How do schools and colleges participate in Black History Month?

12. Who was Rosa Parks, and what was she known for?

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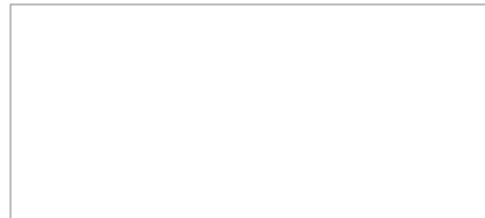
Rosa Parks was from.



13. Who was Mary Seacole, and what was she known for?

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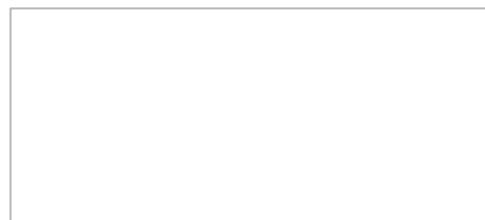
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14 Who was Nelson Mandela, and what was he known for?

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15. Describe some ways that communities celebrate Black History Month.

16. Why is it important to continue to learn about Black History Month after the month has finished?

17. How does Black History Month contribute to the understanding of Inclusion and Diversity?

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Use the Text Box  to describe these words in **five** words

Word	Definition
Culture	Example: Traditions, arts, beliefs, customs, stories.
Bravery	
Victory	
History	
Fairness	
Community	

Use the Markup tool  to highlight the 3 key words in the sentences

Example

Communities come **together** to **honour** heroes.

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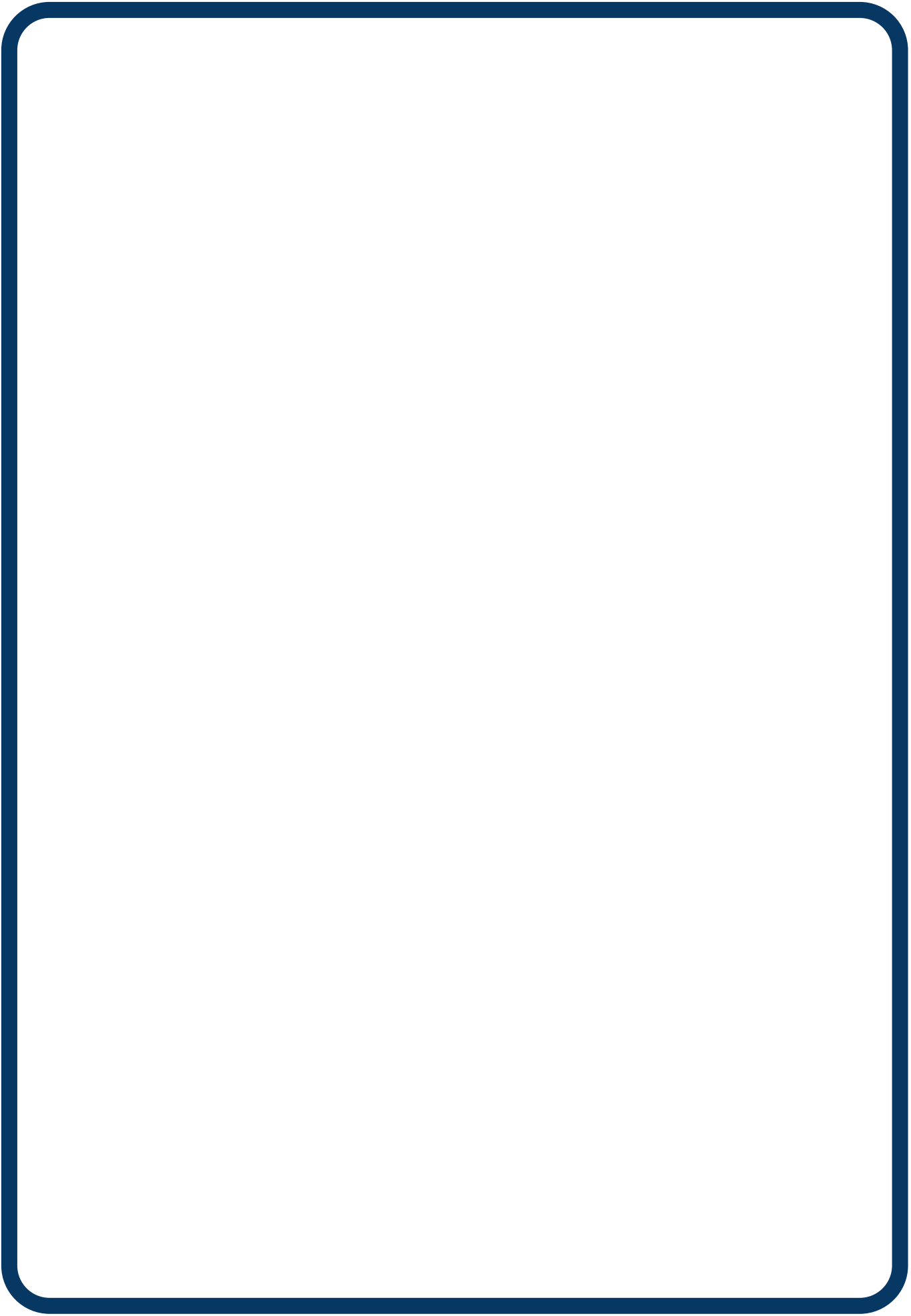
People use this month to honour important Black leaders.


Nelson Mandela is known for fighting against apartheid.

Harriet Tubman helped many people escape slavery.

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