



# Culture calendar

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celebration  
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# Black History Month

February 1 to March 1

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# Figures to discover

Delve into the inspiring lives and contributions of important Black figures. These people, among many others, embody the resilience, creativity, and strength that define Black History Month, offering valuable lessons in courage, perseverance, and the pursuit of equality.

## Mary Church Terrell

**BLACK ACTIVIST**

A pioneering civil rights activist and suffragist, Mary Church Terrell advocated for racial equality and women's rights in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, co-founding the NAACP.



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## Elijah McCoy

**BLACK INVENTOR**

Elijah McCoy, an African American inventor, revolutionized the railroad industry with his lubrication devices, leading to the phrase "the real McCoy" for authenticity.



## Augusta Savage

**BLACK SCULPTOR**

A prominent artist of the Harlem Renaissance, Augusta Savage's sculptures celebrated African American culture and influenced a generation of artists.



## Matthew Henson

**BLACK EXPLORER**

An African American explorer who co-discovered the North Pole with Robert Peary, Matthew Henson's Arctic achievements remained widely unrecognized for decades.

# History to learn

Explore the pivotal eras and landmark events that have significantly shaped not only Black history, but also the broader narrative of global progress. From early African kingdoms to the Civil Rights Movement and beyond, these milestones reflect the journey of humanity itself.

## The reign of early African kingdoms

4500 BC TO 1324 AD

Spanning from ancient Egyptian dynasties to the Mali Empire, these kingdoms showcased advanced civilizations with rich cultures, significant innovations, and powerful rulers like Mansa Musa.



## Enslaved Africans arrive in Jamestown, Virginia

1619

Marking a somber moment in American history, 1619 saw the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Jamestown, setting the stage for centuries of slavery and its profound impacts on the nation.

## The first slave narrative is published in America

1772

The emergence of the first slave narrative in New York in 1772, a powerful account of enslavement, laid the groundwork for subsequent narratives, including those by Frederick Douglass, that highlighted the atrocities of slavery.

# Living books to read

Reading living books by Black authors offers a deep, immersive connection with Black history and culture. These narratives provide insight into the struggles and triumphs of Black individuals, enriching children's knowledge and fostering understanding.



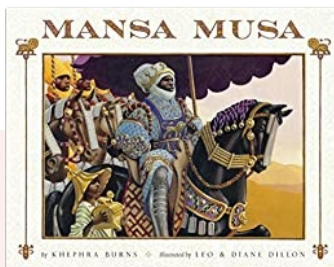
**MUST-READ FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

## Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

Winner of numerous awards, this story is narrated from the unique point of view and intimate voice of a one-hundred-year-old Black female narrator.

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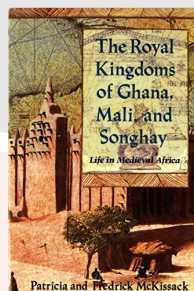


## Mansa Musa

**BY KHEPHRA BURNS**

A richly imagined tale of one of Mali's most celebrated kings, triumphantly carrying you across the continent.

**FOR MIDDLES GRADES**

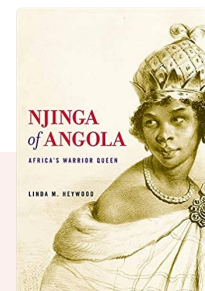


## The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay

**BY PATRICIA AND FREDRICK MCKISSACK**

Uncover the glory of these important, forgotten empires.

**FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS**



## Njinga of Angola

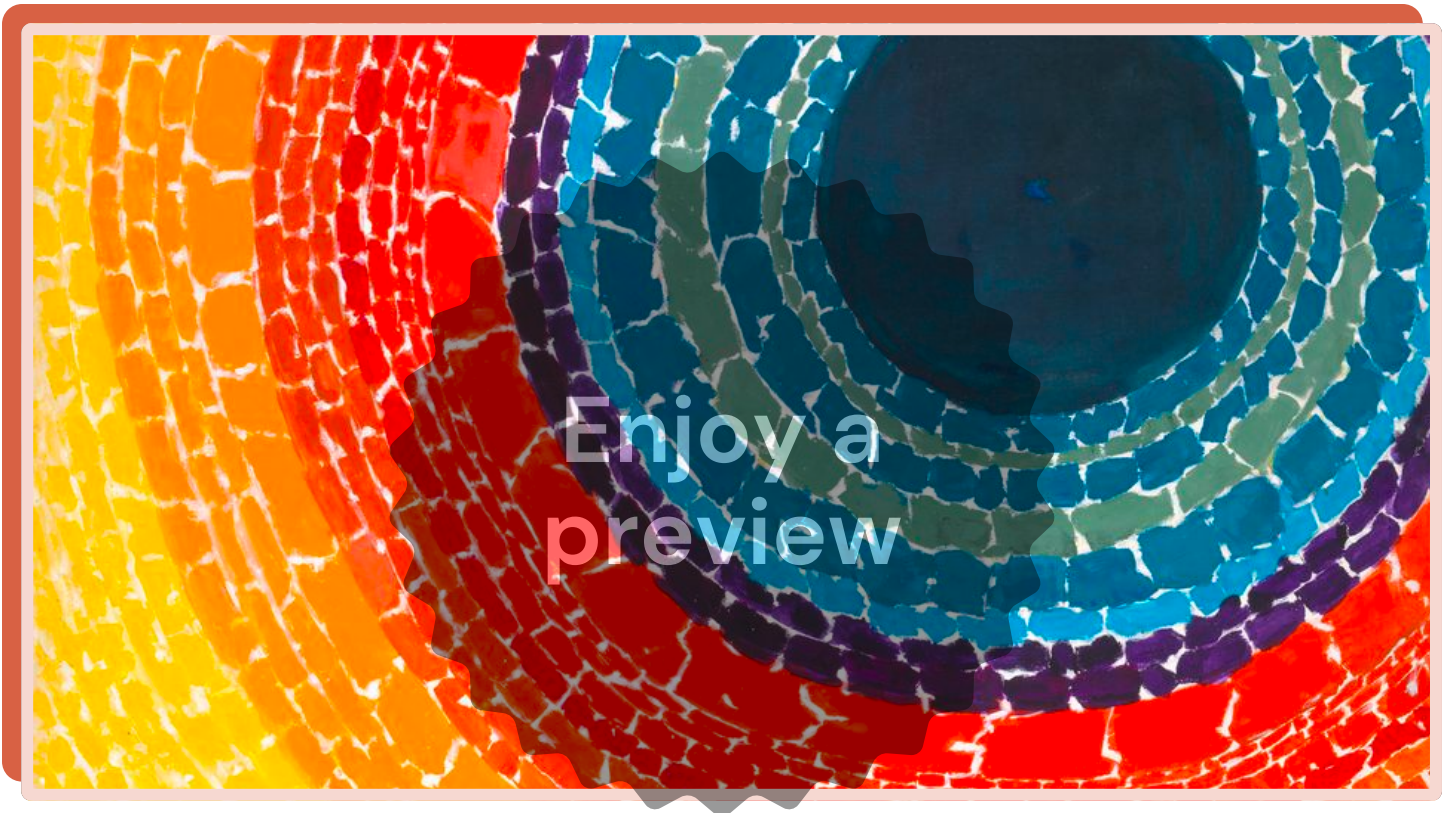
**BY LINDA M. HEYWOOD**

Discover how this legendary, but lesser known queen transcended the ruthless male power struggles of her time.



# Art to appreciate

Appreciating art from Black creatives offers a unique lens into the diverse expressions of Black history and culture. Their artworks, rich in symbolism and storytelling, capture the essence of the Black experience, inviting reflection and admiration.



## The Eclipse

A captivating example of this Black artist's abstract style, "The Eclipse" features vibrant, circular brushstrokes that create a dynamic, rhythmic representation of a solar eclipse. Alma's use of color and form invites viewers to contemplate the natural phenomenon's beauty and the cosmos' mystery.



### Alma Thomas

1891 – 1978

Thomas was renowned for her colorful, abstract paintings inspired by nature and space.

# Voices to hear

Listening to inspiring quotes from Black voices offers a powerful glimpse into the wisdom and perspectives that have shaped history and culture. These words, full of depth and resilience, resonate with the experiences and aspirations of the Black community, providing inspiration and insight.

*“If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground.”*

**Frederick Douglass**

*“I will not allow my life’s light to be determined by the darkness around me.”*

**Sojourner Truth**

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*“The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.”*

**W.E.B. Du Bois**

*“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”*

**Harriet Tubman**



# The rest of the year

January 1 to December 31

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# 10 ways to honor other heritages

As you plan out your year and proactively make the effort to celebrate other cultures and people groups, consider these fun and creative ways honor heritages of all types with children of any age.



1

## Prepare and share traditional cuisine

Cooking dishes specific to a culture is a delicious way to engage with any heritage. Kids can learn about different ingredients and cooking styles, experiencing the culture through the wonder of taste and smell.

2

## Create a family heritage tree

Foster a personal connection and understanding of children's history by helping them create a family tree, highlighting their own heritage's roots and any connections to the culture being celebrated.

3

## Visit cultural museums and landmarks






If feasible, visiting museums or historical sites offers a tangible connection to the culture. It's an immersive experience that can make history and heritage feel more real and relatable to children.

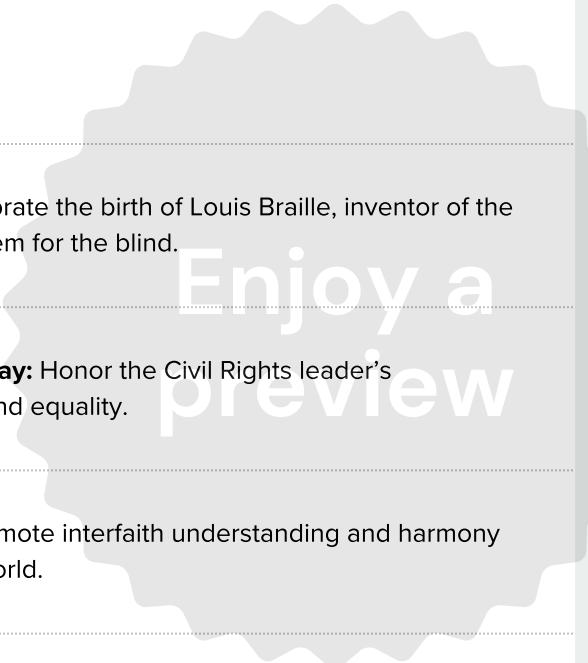


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# Celebrate the rest of the year

Make a plan for celebrating different people and cultures all year-round using this calendar highlighting holidays happening around the world. It's a perfect tool for encouraging children's cultural engagement and enrichment, fostering understanding and appreciation for the planet's rich diversity.

HOLIDAY AND DESCRIPTION	PLANNED	WHEN
<b>January</b>		
 <b>World Braille Day:</b> Celebrate the birth of Louis Braille, inventor of the reading and writing system for the blind.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 4
 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day:</b> Honor the Civil Rights leader's contributions to peace and equality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3rd Monday in Jan.
 <b>World Religion Day:</b> Promote interfaith understanding and harmony with those around the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 17
 <b>International Holocaust Remembrance Day:</b> Commemorate the liberation of Auschwitz and honor the Holocaust's millions of victims.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 27
<b>February</b>		
 <b>National Freedom Day:</b> Celebrate the signing of the 13th Amendment and abolition of slavery in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb. 1



# Enjoy all 8 celebrations this year

This was just a free preview of what you'll get when you purchase **culture calendar**, a representative celebration guide from Stories of Color. Don't miss it.