Black History in Kindergarten

Read and Discuss and Act out: The Life's Contributions of:

Ruby Bridges
Rosa Parks
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Jackie Robinson
Wilma Rudolph
Duke Ellington

Bill Cosby
Booker T. Washington
Louie Armstrong
Harriet Tubman
Black History in 1st Grade

African Americans
Read, Discuss, and Write about:

Elijah McCoy,
Booker T. Washington
George Washington Carver
Mathew Alexander Henson
Black History in 2nd Grade

Select an African American Leader
Students select a partner to work with;

What would you like to learn about their life? When and where were they born?

Biography

What accomplishments did they achieve in their life? Write 4-5 paragraphs about this person’s life
Black History
3rd & 4th Graders

Select a leader from the list and complete a short Biography

Black History pioneer  
Carter Godwin Woodson

Boston Massacre figure  
Crispus Attucks

Underground Railroad leader  
Harriet Tubman

Orator  
Frederick Douglass

Freed slave  
Denmark Vesey

Antislavery activist  
Sojourner Truth

'Back to Africa' leader  
Marcus Garvey

Nation of Islam leader  
Elijah Muhammad

Legal figure  
Homer Plessy

NAACP founder  
W. E. B. Du Bois

Murdered civil rights activist  
Medgar Evers

Civil rights leader  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Civil rights leader  
Coretta Scott King

Bus-riding activist  
Rosa Parks

Lynching victim  
Emmett Till
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'Black Power' advocate **Malcolm X**
Black Panthers founder **Huey Newton**
Educator **Booker T. Washington**
*Soul On Ice* author **Eldridge Cleaver**
Educator **Mary McLeod Bethune**
Supreme Court justice **Thurgood Marshall**
Colonial scientist **Benjamin Banneker**
Blood bank pioneer **Charles Drew**
Peanut genius **George Washington Carver**
Arctic explorer **Matthew Henson**
Daring flier **Bessie Coleman**
Astronaut **Guion Bluford**
Astronaut **Mae Jemison**
Computer scientist **Philip Emeagwali**
Nobel Peace Prize winner **Wangari Maathai**
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Brain surgeon Ben Carson
U.S. President Barack Obama
First Lady Michelle Obama
First Daughters Malia and Sasha Obama
Attorney General Eric Holder
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
General and Secretary of State Colin Powell
Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
Reverend Al Sharpton
Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm
Early Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce
Political activist Jesse Jackson
BET founder Robert L. Johnson
South African President Nelson Mandela
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan
Trial lawyer Johnnie Cochran
Detroit mayor Coleman Young
San Francisco mayor Willie Brown
Newspaper columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLIES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Students will be able to write a report on an assigned African-American Inventor. Discuss important facts about the person’s early years and how their childhood experiences influenced their achievements as an adult.

Students will be able to research and describe the goals of this iconic person and their main accomplishments in order to answer the following:

- Do you think this person was successful? Why or why not?
- What factors influenced this person’s achievements?
- What influence did this person have on the community, the country, or the world?
- What is your opinion of this person’s life and accomplishments?
- Would you recommend this biography to others? Why or why not?
In celebration of Black History Month, classroom displays will reflect themes of African American literature, civil rights and equality.

Classroom literature and reading materials will include iconic African American figures, important holidays, traditions and celebrations.

Students will be encouraged to read literature that reflect African American History during independent reading time and self selected reading practices.

Teachers will engage in discussions, activities and read aloud’s with their students addressing themes of African enslavement, hardships, civil rights, segregation and historical figures that made a significant change in the world and continue to play a strong role in the civil rights movement.
BLACK HISTORY IN 6TH GRADE

- Students will be able to research important facts about an inspirational Black American figure and their relevance to the Civil Rights Movement.
- Students will be able to organize their research in writing form, to explain their iconic figure’s importance to society and the African American History.
- Students will be able to create a Power Point presentation using pertinent African American History information as well as facts about their iconic figure.
- Students will be able to present their Power Point presentation to their fellow classmates and school community.
The 7th and 8th Grade curriculum begins with exploration and the slave trade and ends with the civil war. American History is full of instances where African Americans have contributed to historical events. It is in this way that history teachers incorporate “Black History” into the curriculum.

- In recognition of African American History, history teachers will share Power Points and short videos that discuss struggles African Americans have faced since being brought to America.
- Students will be able to examine and discuss historical figures such as: Crispus Attucks, George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Jackie Robinson, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, etc., as well as the origins of slavery, the triangle trade, the 54th Regiment from Massachusetts in the Civil War, and African American Contributions to the war for independence.
Black History Month Activities
Grades 5-8

- Students will be able to choose from a list of famous African Americans and create a research paper on them to teach to the class. This includes who they were, what their accomplishments were and why they are important.
- Students will be able to enhance their writing skills by answering the following:
  - In what ways has the world changed in regards to race since MLK/civil rights?
  - Are there instances of poor race relations/inequality in the world today? Examine and explain.
- Students will be able to create a presentation consisting of one to two paragraph summaries on the importance of the historical figure and how they impacted society today along with illustrations.
BLACK HISTORY LITERATURE
GRADES 9-12

Amistad Curriculum: Languages Arts and History

- We are the Ship
- Why We Can’t Wait
- Someone Knows My Name
- Dreams of My Father
- Life on The Color Line
- The Pact
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- The Willie Lynch Letter
- The History of Mary Prince
- To Kill A Mocking Bird
- The Souls of Black Folk
- Their Eyes Were Watching God
- The Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass
Discuss Films and Compose Written Reflections

- Slavery by another name
- 42 (Jackie Robinson)
- The Great Debaters
- A Lesson Before Dying
- Red Tails, Glory
- Rosewood
- Eyes on the Prize
- Amistad
- The Rosa Parks story
- 4 Little Girls
- Men of Honor
“Spotlight”: African-American and Hispanic Figures

- Teachers expand on these figures in their daily lessons
BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

Front Lobby Showcase

- Books
- Pictures
- Artifacts

Diversity committee is in the process of selecting a speaker for the Black History Month Assembly 2013-2014 School Year
Welcome!!
Rabbi Dresner and Mr. Howard Kiesel!