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Carter G. Woodson



Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the [United States](#), where it is also known as **African-American History Month**. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and [Canada](#), and more recently has been observed in [Ireland](#), and the [United Kingdom](#). It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the [African diaspora](#). It is celebrated in February in the United States^[4] and Canada,^[5] while in Ireland, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.^{[6][7]} The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian **Carter G. Woodson** and the [Association for the Study of Negro Life and History](#) announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week".^[8] This week was chosen because it coincided with the [birthday of Abraham Lincoln](#) on February 12 and of [Frederick Douglass](#) on February 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.^[9] Negro History Week was the center of the equation. The thought process behind the week was never recorded, but scholars acknowledge two reasons for its birth: recognition and importance.^[9] Woodson felt deeply that at least one week would allow for the general movement to become something annually celebrated. Also, after the ten-year-long haul to successfully complete his [Journal of Negro History](#), he realized the subject deserved to resonate with a greater audience.

“Real education means to inspire people to live more abundantly, to learn to begin with life as they find it and make it better,”
– **Carter G. Woodson, The Mis-Education of the Negro**



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 2

Board of Directors Meeting 5:30pm

Friday, February 4

Report Cards Mailed

Wednesday, February 9

Supplemental Count

Thursday, February 17

PATT Meeting 5pm to 6pm

**Monday, February 21 to
Wednesday, February 23**

**Mid-Winter Break
Classes Resume on February 24**

Nguzo Saba Principle

**Ujima-Cooperative
Economics**

