
BLACK HISTORY IS 365

"If you send up a weather vane or put your thumb up in the air every time you want to do something different, to find out what people are going to think about it, you're going to limit yourself. That's a very strange way to live."

Jessye Norman (1945-)
interview in the New York Times, 1987

February is **Black History Month**

March is **Women's History Month**

April is **Disability Awareness Month**

May is **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

June is **Black Music Month**

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Dr. Carter G. Woodson



Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism

The Father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson, was born in 1875 near New Canton, Virginia. He was the son of former slaves. In 1907, he obtained his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. In 1912, he received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

In 1915, he and friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. A year later, the Journal of Negro History, began quarterly publication. In 1926, Woodson proposed and launched the annual February observance of Negro History Week, which became Black History Month in 1976. It is said that he chose February for the observance because February 12th was Abraham Lincoln's birthday and February 14th was the accepted birthday of Frederick Douglass.

Dr. Woodson was the founder of Associated Publishers, the founder and editor of the Negro History Bulletin, and the author of more than 30 books. His best known publication is "The Mis-Education of the Negro", originally published in 1933 and still pertinent today.

He died in 1950, but Dr. Woodson's scholarly legacy goes on.

- Launched Negro History Week in 1926, chosen in the second week of February between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, which evolved into Black History Month in 1976
- Known for writing the contributions of black Americans into the national spotlight, received a Ph.D at Harvard University
- Founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in 1915, founded the Journal of Negro History in 1916
- Author of the book, "The Miseducation of the Negro", published in 1933

To learn more about Dr. Carter G. Woodson, visit your local library, or research about him over the Internet.