

Black History Month

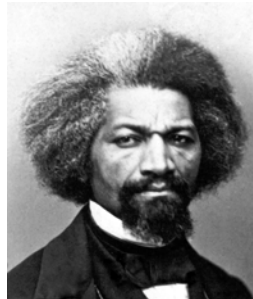
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Black History Month has given me the opportunity to learn more about how people have overcome obstacles to lead the way for a better future. Martin Luther King Jr. was a social rights activist and gave the famous "I Have a Dream" speech. He received many death threats, was put in jail multiple times, and was assassinated for fighting for what he believed in. He believed that there should be equality and human rights for African Americans and all victims of injustice. He died trying to ensure that his children would be treated fairly and would be judged off of their personality not their skin color. Harriet Tubman was also a political activist and American abolitionist. She was enslaved but escaped and returned multiple times to rescue other slaves. She risked being captured to help others escape. They gained their freedom by escaping through the underground railroad. Rosa Parks is another example of a civil rights activist. Rosa Parks refused to give her seat up to a white man and was arrested. She launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Lastly, Frederick Douglass was an activist, writer, and public speaker. He was an escaped slave who became a leader in the abolitionist movement and sought to end slavery before and after the civil war. He was also the author of many antislavery writings. The people that Black History Month celebrates reminds us to be strong even when you are being held down by people who want to see you fail.



Rosa Parks



Frederick Douglass



Martin Luther King Jr.



Harriet Tubman