

Black History Month

Black History Month grew out of Negro History Week established in 1926 by [Carter G. Woodson](#) and celebrated in the second week of February.

This week was chosen in commemoration of the birthdays of the Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and Frederick Douglass on February 14.

By the 1970s this had progressed into February being Black History Month which was being celebrated at educational institutions across the country.

President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month during the United States Bicentennial.

More information about Negro History Week and Black History Month [here](#).