

2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH DOOR DECORATING CONTEST



THE AFRICAN

driven by European demand for plantation labor. Roughly 10.7 million survived the brutal Middle Passage, predominantly working on sugar, coffee, and cotton plantations. This system, fueled by the triangular trade, devastated African societies, created a global African diaspora, and was abolished following intense international pressure in the 19th century.

SLAVE TRADE FROM AFRICA TO THE AMERICAS 1650-1860

Between 1650 and 1860, approximately 10 to 15 million enslaved people were transported from western Africa to the Americas. Most were shipped to the West Indies, Central America, and South America.



PARTICIPANT

The **AFRICAN DIASPORA** is the worldwide collection of communities that descended from people from Africa.^[64] The term most commonly refers to emigrants of people of African heritage.^{[64][66]} Scholars typically identify "four circulatory phases" of this migration out of Africa.^[67] The first phase includes the ancient migrations of early humans out of Africa, which laid the foundations for the global human population. The second phase centers on the transatlantic slave trade between the 16th and 19th centuries, during which millions of Africans were forcibly relocated to the Americas, Europe, and the Caribbean. This period significantly shaped the cultural, social, and economic landscapes of many countries. The third phase involves voluntary migrations during the 19th and 20th centuries, often driven by economic opportunities, colonialism, and political upheaval. Lastly, the contemporary phase includes ongoing migrations in the 20th and 21st centuries, characterized by globalization and the pursuit of education, employment, and asylum. The African diaspora has contributed profoundly to global culture, politics, and identity, influencing music, cuisine, language, and social movements worldwide.



AN MIGRATION

Homo sapiens dispersed around the time of roughly 300,000 years ago.^{[68][69]} The recent African migration suggests that the anatomically modern humans outside of Africa and from a population of *Homo sapiens* migrating from Africa roughly 70–50,000 years ago and spreading along the coast of Asia and to Oceania by about 50,000 years ago.



Liberator
Turn your scars into stars
Bob Marley

Testifier
Still I rise
Maya Angelou

Integrator
I don't swing at insults.
Jack Roosevelt Robinson

Illuminator
You are your best thing
Toni Morrison

Eminator
Mother, Savior, Queen
Serena Williams

Transformer
YES WE CAN
Barack Obama

Reconciler
It always impossible until it's done
Nelson Mandela

Sustainer
One person, one tree
Wangari Maathai

Resister
They took my passport, not my spine
Miriam Makeba

Decolonizer
Martyrs don't die
Walter Rodney

Articulator
Labels are descriptions, not destinies
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Mcbillizer
One God, one aim, one destiny
Marcus Garvey

Transcender
My dance breaks chains.
Josephine Baker

Rebuilder
Reconciliation ≠ Forgiving horrors.
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Trailblazer
The finish line isn't a stop.
Sir Lewis Hamilton

