



Black History Month
Prominent Person Book Report
Assigned: Sunday, Jan 26, 2025
Due: TBD

Black History month was created to honor the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It is a time to learn about the many prominent people who have served as leaders or activists in their fields, undoubtedly affecting social change by breaking barriers for their gender, race, or community on a national and/or global level. Choose a man or woman you want to research and identify evidence as to how they made a difference to society and/or the world.

For this project you may:

- Write a paper** describing the life, challenges and subsequent achievements of your prominent person and how/why they affected social change.
 - Elementary-Age Students: 1-2 pages
 - Middle School-Age Students: 2-3 pages
 - High School-Age Students: 3-4 pages
 - You may include small graphs, images, important excerpts as you see fit
- Compose a google slides presentation** displaying what makes your figure important and why they should be studied. Describe the life, challenges and subsequent achievements of your prominent person. Describe their long-lasting legacy, with illustrations, videos (or inserted images) where applicable. (**@ least 8 slides**)
- Write and illustrate a picture book** describing the life, challenges and subsequent achievements of your prominent person and how/why they affected social change. Describe their long-lasting legacy, with illustrations (or inserted images) where applicable.
 - Elementary-Age Students

As you research and work on your project, consider the following:

- ❖ Important life events; a Timeline of their life
- ❖ Overcoming obstacles
- ❖ Times displaying bravery/courage
- ❖ Times displaying perseverance
- ❖ Times displaying hard work
- ❖ Important contributions/discoveries



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- ❖ Special talents/skills; what was their motivation?
- ❖ 3 words that describe them and why
- ❖ How does their work change/impact the world?
- ❖ How does their work change/impact you? What did you learn from researching this person?

*The following list are suggestions to get you started. You may choose different figures as well.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arturo Alfonso Schomburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Alice Dunbar-Nelson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Langston Hughes | <input type="checkbox"/> Duke Ellington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zora Neale Hurston | <input type="checkbox"/> Claude McKay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Louis Armstrong | <input type="checkbox"/> Ella Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marcus Garvey | <input type="checkbox"/> Billie Holiday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Douglas | <input type="checkbox"/> Josephine Baker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W.E.B Dubois | <input type="checkbox"/> Madame CJ Walker |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lonnie Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Althea Gibson |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard & Mildred Loving | <input type="checkbox"/> Mari Copeny |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mansa Musa | <input type="checkbox"/> Kamala Harris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victor Hugo Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Naomi Osaka |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Carter G. Woodson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Owens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kobe Bryant | <input type="checkbox"/> Maya Angelou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Muhammad Ali |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean-Michel Basquiat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sojourner Truth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gladys Mae West | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Robinson |



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- Dr. Patricia Bath
- Nelson Mandela
- Michelle Obama
- Barack Obama
- Arthur Ashe
- Thurgood Marshall
- Katherine Johnson
- William O'Ree
- Wendell Scott
- Oprah Winfrey
- Frederick Douglass
- Bill Russell
- Misty Copeland
- Jack Johnson
- Bob Marley
- Kenny Washington
- Marshall Taylor
- Hank Aaron
- Jimmy Winkfield
- Issac Murphy
- Matthew Henson
- Wilma Rudolph
- Neil deGrasse Tyson
- August Wilson
- Simone Biles
- Stevie Wonder
- George Washington Carver
- Florence Griffith Joyner
- Jerry Lawson
- Toussaint Louverture
- Ida B. Wells
- Mama Cax (Cacsmy Brutus)
- Venus Williams
- Serena Williams