



What is Black History Month?

In February 1926, black historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson organized the celebration of "Negro History Week" during the second week of February in honor of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The week-long celebration grew in popularity, and by the early 1970s, it expanded to include the entire month.

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In the Royal Exchange Building on New York City's Broad Street, this Court meets for the first time. Chief Justice John Jay presides.









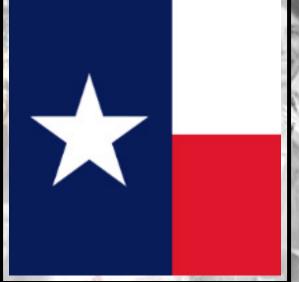




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This state becomes the 7th to secede from the Union, joining South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana in the Confederacy.







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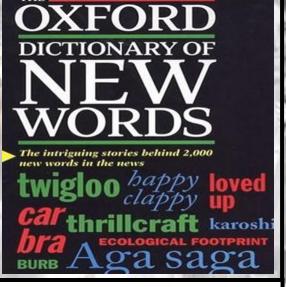


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The Oxford Dictionary, the most comprehensive dictionary of the English language, is published. Today, it contains over 500,000 words.

Q: What is your favorite non-swear English word?





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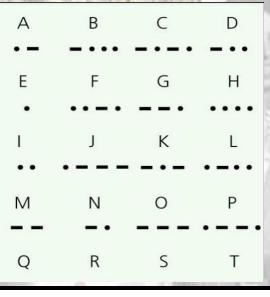


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The first distress code, the "CQD" call, goes into effect. The Marconi Company, established by Guglielmo Marconi, proposed the international standard.

Q: What distress code later replaced "CQD"?





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Rick James, the King of Funk, is born in Buffalo, NY. Remembered for his hit "Super Freak", he battled cocaine addiction and died in 1994.

Q: What rapper sampled "Super Freak" in 1990?



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Zenith Corp. ends its 1-month trial of sending movies over TV airways that could be ordered for \$1 (\$12 today). The 300 test families bought 2,600 flicks.

Q: What is this feature called today?





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Four black college students walk into the Woolworth store in Greensboro, NC and sit at the "white's only" counter. The demonstration lasts 6 months.

Q: What style of demonstration was this?





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Two years after its release in arcades, the greatest sports video game is released for the Nintendo Entertainment System. Lives are changed... forever.

Q: What sports video game?

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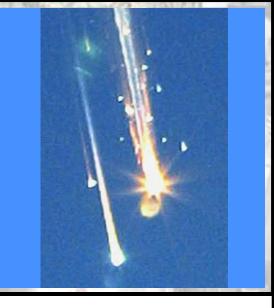


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This space shuttle breaks up during reentry. The shuttle crashes in Texas at speeds over 12,500mph. All 7 Astronauts, including the first Israeli, die.

Q: What space shuttle?





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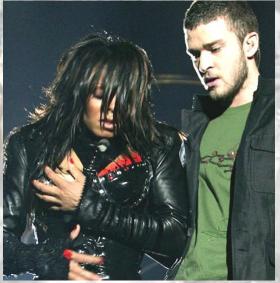




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During Super Bowl XXXVIII, Janet Jackson exposes her breast during a half-time show. Dubbed "Nipplegate", it results in tape-delaying future events.

Q: What other singer partook in "Nipplegate"?





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Just in case you needed an extra reason to celebrate!

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Is it your birthday?

If so, see Dr. Hartnell for your official Birthday Pencil!

Happy Birthday to you!

