

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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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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1804



The inventor of the first steel plow is born in Rutland, Vermont. He later forms a company that makes farm equipment.











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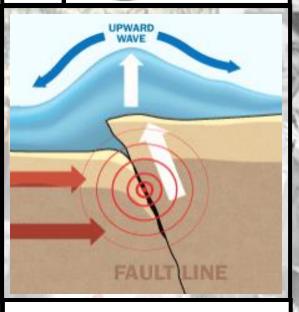


1812



An 8.8 earthquake near Missouri causes a fluvial tsunami in the Miss. River that makes it run backward. It is so strong that church bells ring... in Boston.

Q: What is a tsunami?











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1812



This famous English novelist is born in Portsmouth, England. He's best remembered for his works *A Christmas Carol, A Tale of Two Cities*, and *Oliver Twist*.













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1867



Laura Ingalls Wilder, famous for writing a series of historical novels for children about a pioneer family, is born near Pepin, Wisconsin.









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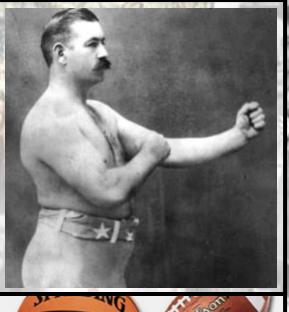


1884



The last "bare-knuckle" boxing match is fought in Mississippi... boxing gloves are required after this fight. (Most fights lasted 60-100 rounds back then.)

Q: Why were boxing gloves introduced?











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1962



During the Cold War, and in response to the threat of communism in Cuba, the U.S. begins a ban of all Cuban imports. It still exists today.

Q: What is Cuba's #1 export today?











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1962



This country musician is born in Yukon, Oklahoma. He broke country music records during the 1990s and brought country music to the mainstream.













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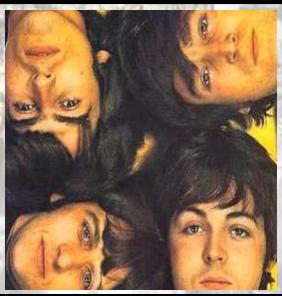


1964



The "Fab Four" are greeted by 5,000 fans in New York's JFK Airport, causing riotous scenes as they touched down. It was the group's first visit to the U.S.













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1992



Europe unites economically with the signing of the Maastricht Treaty, forming the European Union. The treaty lays the groundwork for the *euro*.













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2013



This state becomes the last U.S. state to officially abolish slavery. It had ratified the 13th Amendment in 1995... but forgot to submit the paperwork.











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Today is...



National Wave All Your Fingers
At Your Neighbors Day

Just in case you needed an extra reason to celebrate!







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Birthdays



Is it your birthday?

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

Happy Birthday to you!







