

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



American Naval officer Stephen Decatur leads a raid into Tripoli harbor to burn the American frigate *Philadelphia*, which had been hijacked by pirates.













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1857



Gallaudet University opens in Washington D.C. Founded by Amos Kendall, it was formerly called Columbia School for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.













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1894



Gunslinger John Wesley Hardin is pardoned after spending 15 years in prison for murder. Hardin killed 40 people, including a man for doing this.

Q: What did the man do?













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1923



In Thebes, Egypt, English archeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of this Egyptian pharaoh nicknamed "The Boy King".



Q: What pharaoh?









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1930



This synthetic resin is developed by the DuPont labs thanks to the research of American chemist Wallace Carothers.







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1945



During WWII, the Bataan
Peninsula is occupied by the
U.S. three years after the Bataan
"Death March" killed 1,000
Americans and 10,000 Filipinos.













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1957



England ends the "Toddler's Truce". Begun in 1955, it required all TV stations cease broadcast from 6:00-7:00pm so children could be put to bed.

Q: What do they start airing during that time?











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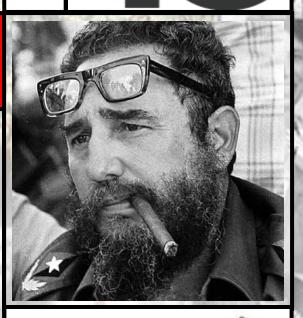
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1959



This Communist claims dictatorial power of Cuba following his overthrow of its former leader, Fulgencio Batista.



Q: What Communist?









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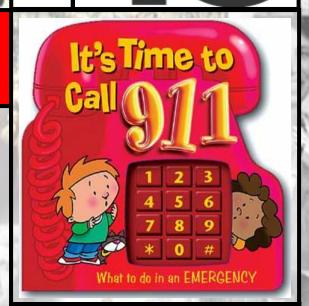


1968



In Haleyville, Alabama, the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system goes into service.











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1991



The Simpsons' song "Do the Bartman" hits #1 on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming the first cartoon to hit #1 since The Archies' "Sugar Sugar" in 1969.

Q: What pop singer wrote the lyrics?











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Today is...



National Do A Grouch A Favor 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!

