

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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1229



Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II negotiates the return of Jerusalem to Christian control. As a result, the Sixth Crusade ends... without any fighting.













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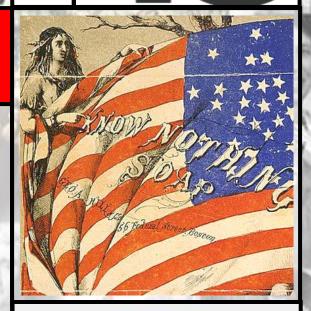


1856



The "Know-Nothing Party" convenes in Philadelphia to nominate former President Millard Fillmore as its first presidential candidate.













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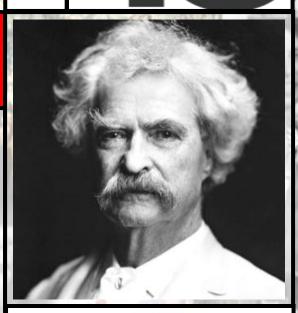


1885



Mark Twain publishes this famous (and controversial) novel. It centered around the best friend of Tom Sawyer and the institution of slavery.

Q: What novel?











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1929



The winners of the 1st Academy Awards are announced. Gold statues (nicknamed "Oscars" in 1931) aren't handed out until a banquet in May.













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1930



Pluto, once believed to be the 9th planet, is discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh.

Q: What is Pluto categorized as now?











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1931



Toni Morrison, a Pulitzer Prize winning author in 1988, and the first black woman to win the Nobel Prize in 1993, is born in Lorain, Ohio.













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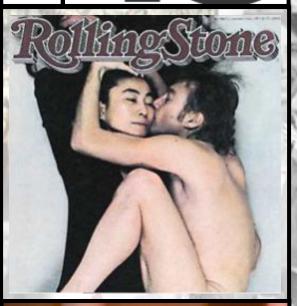


1933



The woman that many blame for breaking up *The Beatles*, is born in Tokyo, Japan. Her affair with a married John Lennon resulted in their own marriage in 1969.













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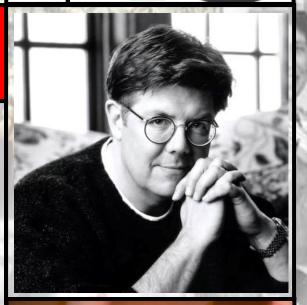


1950



This iconic film director, who wrote 34 movies and directed Sixteen Candles, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Uncle Buck, and Home Alone, is born in Lansing, MI.













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1965



Andre Romelle Young is born in Compton, CA. As a former coowner of Death Row Records, he is a rapper, producer, and has a net worth of \$650 million.

Q: By what name is he better known?











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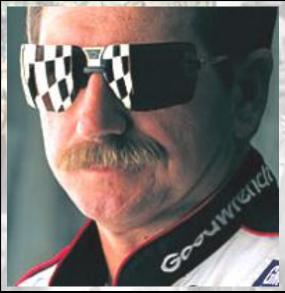


2001



This NASCAR driver dies when his black Chevrolet hits a wall a half mile from the finish line at the 43rd Daytona 500 in Florida. He was 49 years old.

Q: What NASCAR driver?











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Today is...



National Eat Ice Cream For Breakfast 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!

