

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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1725



A group of New Hampshire volunteers attack some Native Americans and take 10 scalps. They are paid 100 pounds per scalp (\$21,823.44 today).

Q: How do you "scalp" someone?











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1792



President Washington signs legislation creating the U.S. Postal Service. The act also prohibits postal workers from opening other people's mail.

Q: How much did the first stamp cost?









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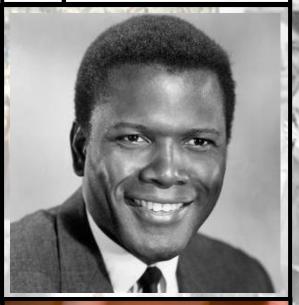


1927



This actor is born in Miami, Florida. In 1963, he became the first black man to win an Academy Award for Best Actor in *Lilies of the Field*.













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1942



Lt. Edward O'Hare takes off from the aircraft carrier *Lexington* in a raid against the Japanese and becomes the country's first fly "ace" of World War II.

Q: What do you have to do to become an "ace"?











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1956



This Columbus, Ohio-based TV station begins broadcasting on WOSU-TV Channel 34. It is home to Sesame Street and other educational programming.













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1962



This man is launched into space aboard *Friendship 7* on the first orbital flight by an American astronaut. He traveled 17,500mph around Earth.













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1967



This singer is born in Aberdeen, Washington. He formed the band Nirvana in 1987, helping establish "grunge". He later committed suicide in 1994.













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1985



The Irish Government defies the powerful \_\_\_\_ Church and approves the sale of contraceptives. The birth control pill remained restricted.



Q: What Church?









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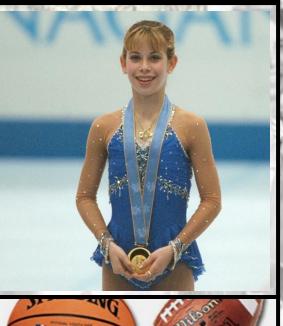


1998



Tara Lipinski becomes the youngest women's figure skater to win gold (age 15) when she takes the medal during the Winter Games in Nagano.

Q: Where is Nagano?











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2003



One hundred people die after pyrotechnics ignite foam soundproofing on the stage during this band's gig in Rhode Island.













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Today is...



**National Love Your Pet 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!

