

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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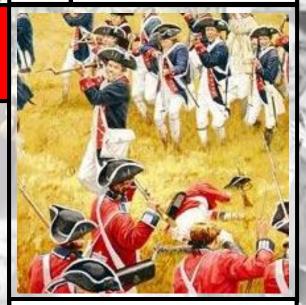


1776



During the American Revolution, Richard Caswell leads 1,000 Patriots to what is considered the first *organized* U.S. victory at Moore's Creek Bridge in NC.













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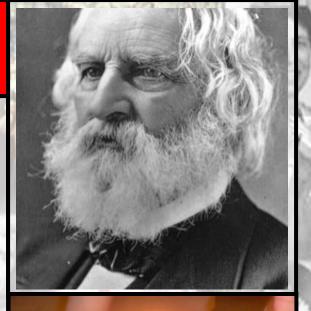
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1807



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born in Portland, Maine. He is remembered for writing a poem in 1861 that is about the "midnight ride" of this Patriot.



O: What Patriot?







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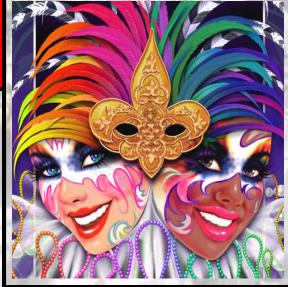


1837



The first parade during this yearly celebration in New Orleans takes place. Held on Tuesday, the celebration occurs the day before the start of Lent.

Q: What celebration?









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1850



Charlotte E. Ray is born in NYC.
She became the first black
female lawyer when she
graduated from Howard Law
University in 1870.









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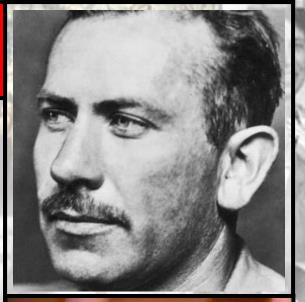


1902



John Steinbeck, a famous American author, is born in Salinas, CA. He is remembered for his novella *Of Mice and Men* and novel *The Grapes of Wrath*.













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1936



Seven-year-old actress Shirley
Temple receives the largest
movie contract at that time...
\$50,000 a film (or \$1.07 million in
today's money).













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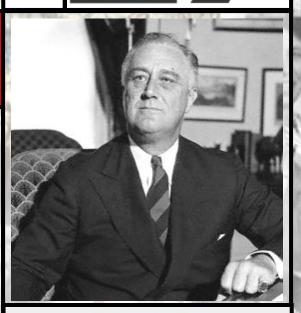


1951



Drafted initially in response to FDR's unprecedented fourth election victory, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution is ratified by the states.













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1973



Native Americans seize
Wounded Knee in South Dakota,
demanding an investigation of
their problems. Officers kill 2.
The siege ends 70 days later.

Q: What Native American tribe?











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1980



Gloria Gaynor's 1978 disco song "I Will Survive" receives the first (and last) Grammy for the newly introduced category of Best Disco Recording.









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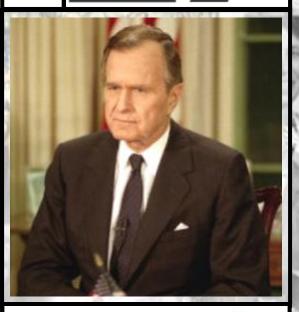


1991



At 9:00pm (EST), this U.S. President says on live TV, "Kuwait is liberated. Iraq is defeated ... 6 weeks since Operation Desert Storm."













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Today is...



International Polar Bear 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!

