



Nat King Cole



Wilma Rudolph



Barack Obama

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February is

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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| | | 1 1865 – John Rock is the first African-American lawyer to practice in front of U.S. Supreme Court | 2 1914 – Artist William Ellsworth Artis is born | 3 1977 – Eighth and final night of "Roots" television special | 4 1913 – Rosa Parks is born | 5 1934 – Clifton W. Wharton is the first African-American to head a U.S. European embassy (Romania) |
| 6 1931 – The Harlem Experimental Theater Group performs its first plays | 7 1926 – The first Negro History Week begins, later expanded in 1976 to an entire month | 8 1944 – Harry S. McAlpin is the first African-American to attend White House press conferences | 9 1906 – "The Sport of Gods" author and poet Paul Laurence Dunbar dies | 10 1989 – Ronald H. Brown becomes chairman of the Democratic National Committee | 11 1990 – Nelson Mandela is freed after 27 years in prison | 12 1909 – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is formed |
| 13 1907 – Wendell P. Dabney establishes <i>The Union</i> | 14 1957 – Southern Christian Leadership Conference is formed. Martin Luther King, Jr. is elected first president | 15 1964 – Louis Armstrong's "Hello Dolly" is number one on Billboard's Top 40 | 16 1951 – New York City prohibits discrimination in public housing | 17 1942 – Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, is born | 18 1688 – Quakers in Germantown, PA pass first formal antislavery resolution | 19 1940 – William 'Smokey' Robinson is born |
| 20 1929 – Wallace Thurman's play "Harlem" opens in New York City | 21 1965 – Malcolm X is assassinated | 22 1938 – Poet and novelist Ishmael Reed is born | 23 1868 – W.E.B. duBois is born | 24 1811 – First African-American college president Daniel A. Payne is born | 25 1870 – Hiram Revels takes the oath of office as the first black U.S. senator | 26 1966 – Andrew Brimmer is the first African-American governor on the Federal Reserve Board |
| 27 1988 – Debi Thomas becomes the first African-American to win a medal in the Winter Olympic Games | 28 1991 – Shelby Steele's "The Content of our Character" wins the National Book Critics Circle Award | Research these facts and more with free resources available at www.gale.com/free_resources | | | | |

Clockwise: Nat King Cole, Wilma Rudolph, Sen. Barack Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a civil rights protest