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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		Clockwise from top left: Nat King Cole, Wilma Rudolph, Sen. Barack Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a civil rights protest		**1** **1865** – John Rock is the first African-American lawyer to practice in front of the U.S. Supreme Court	**2** **1914** – Artist William Ellisworth 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 *The Union*	**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**		

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