

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In order to try and understand better the history of African-Americans, you had better find the answers to these questions.

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When did first slaves arrive in America? First slaves arrived in the early 1600s

How did they arrive in America? They arrived by ship. They were shipped

Where did they come from? They came from Western Africa.

How many slaves lived in the colonies in America in 1750? About 200 000 slaves lived in the colonies by 1750.

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5) Who was Harriet Tubman ? What did she do ?

She was an ex slave ( she had run away ) and she helped slaves to escape . She helped about 300 slaves escape.



6) What was the name of the movement she belonged to ?

This was called the "Underground Railroad"

7) [When](#) was slavery officially abolished in the US? Which Amendment is it ?

It was abolished in 1865 , with the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendement. Lincoln was the president. It was just after the end of the Civil War.

What is Harlem? Harlem is a section the borough of Manhattan ( 5 boroughs : Manhattan, the Bronx, the Queens, Staten Island, Brooklyn )

→ Why was Harlem famous for African Americans in 1920s? It was famous for its black writers, poets , musicians and artists who moved there.It was called the Harlem Renaissance.

→ They were famous in Harlem at that time: Louis Armstrong, Langston Hughes, a poet, Josephine Baker, blues singer Bessie Smith, and jazz singerBillie Holiday.

9) Look up in the dictionary (<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>) for a definition of "civil rights" and write it down: the rights that each person has in a society, whatever their race, sex or religion  
Civil rights include freedom, equality in law and in employment, and the right to vote.

10) Why was it impossible for 7-year-old Linda Brown to go to the school near her home?

It was impossible for 7-year-old Linda Brown to go to the school near her home because she was black and it was a school for white children only.

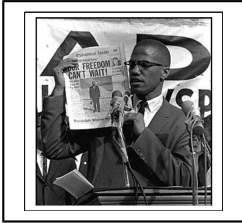
11) Who was Rosa Parks? She was a black seamstress and worked for the NAACP.

→ What did she do? She refused to give her seat to a white person.

→ When was it? It was on December 1<sup>st</sup>, in Montgomery, Alabama.

→ What happened next? She was arrested and sent to prison.Black leaders organized the boycott of the bus.

It lasted 381 days and the bus company lost a lot of money. It is at the origin of the US Supreme Court decision to rule against segregated public transport.



12) Who was Malcolm X? He was the spokesman of The Nation of Islam, a group of Black Muslims

→ What did he want to create? He wanted to create a separate Black nation.

→ What happened to him? February 21, 1965, Malcolm X was shot and killed in New York City by Black Muslims who didn't agree with his new ideas

→ Is he still famous now? Today, he remains a hero to many people of all colors.

When did the Washington March take place?

It took place on August 28, 1963.

→ How many people were there? There were more than 200 000 marchers

→ What did Martin Luther King do? He delivered his famous speech 'I have a dream'

→ When was the Civil Rights Act signed? In 1964

→ What does it guarantee? The law guaranteed equal rights for black Americans in employment, voting, and the use of public facilities. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act ended required black voters to pay a special tax or take a reading test before voting.

14) How did Martin Luther King die? And when?

In 1968, Martin Luther King Jr was shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 39. A week of rioting in at least 125 cities across the nation followed King's death.

