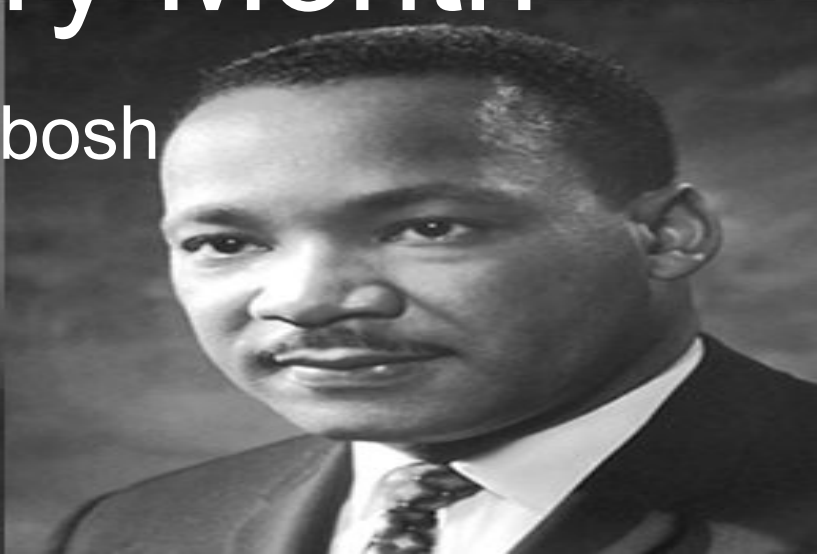
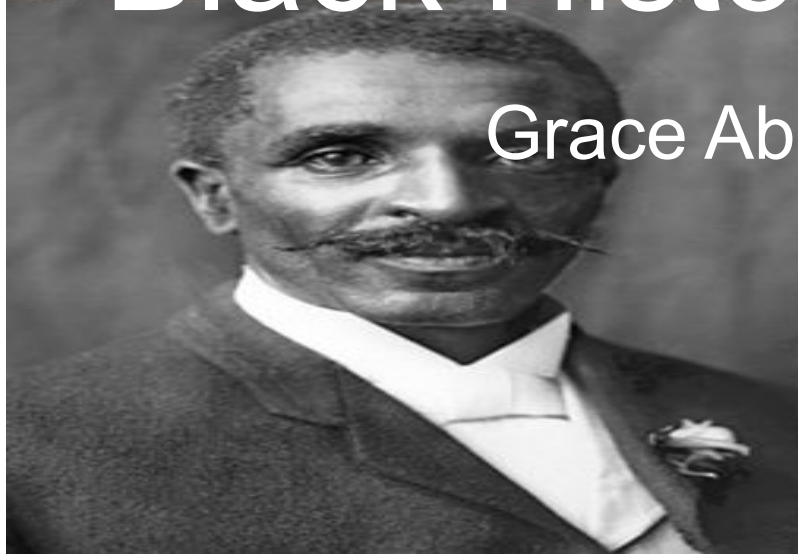


Black History Month



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Otis Boykin

- Otis Boykin was born in Dallas, Texas on August 29, 1920
- He had nine siblings, two sisters, and seven brothers
- He had one daughter with his wife Pearlie Mae Kimble
- His mother was Sarah Cox, she worked as a homemaker
- His father was Walter Benjamin
- With only two years of being in school he had to quit because he couldn't afford tuition
- He worked as an engineer
- His mom died of heart failure when he was one year old
- He helped in the development of the pacemaker
- The pacemaker helps your heart beat normal
- It has impacted our lives today by still helping people with their hearts
- Otis Boykin is famous because he invented something that is still used today



Otis Boykin Bibliography

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James E. West

- James E. West was born in Farmville, VA on February 10, 1931
- He had one brother named Nathaniel West
- His father was Samuel Edward and his mother was Matilda West
- His father was a funeral home owner, insurance salesman, and a porter on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
- James invented the microphone
- The microphone sends sound waves when a person speaks so they can be recorded
- This invention has impacted our lives today by still recording our voices when we speak
- James E. West is famous because he invented something that can still be used today



James E. West Bibliography

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Langston Hughes



- Langston Hughes was born in Joplin, MO on February 1, 1902
- Langston's parents got in a divorce after he was born
- His grandmother raised him until he was thirteen years old
- He had one brother
- His mother was Carrie Langston Hughes and his father was James Nathaniel Hughes
- He married Mary Patterson Leary and they had two kids
- Langston invented jazz poetry
- It has impacted our lives today, by continuing to entertain us
- Langston is famous because his poetry helped improve others' poetry by example

Langston Hughes Bibliography

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