



Black History Month

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Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama on February, 4 1913 and died on October 25, 2005 at the age of 92.

She had one brother named Sylvester McCauley. James and Leona McCauley were her parents. Her parents were farmers who held other jobs as well. Her father was a carpenter while her mom was a teacher.



Rosa Parks and her family.

Rosa Parks helped initiate the Civil Rights Movement.

She is famous because in 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. Her actions inspired leaders of the local black community to organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott. On the evening of December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for disobeying Alabama law. She was released thirteen years later, in 1968.

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Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was born in Cordova, Maryland on February 14, 1818 and died on February 20, 1895 at the age of 77.

His mother was black, while his father was white. At the age of eight, the man who owned him sent him to Baltimore, Maryland to live in the house of Hugh Auld. There, Auld's wife taught Douglass to read.

A black and white portrait of Frederick Douglass, an elderly man with a full white beard and hair, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression.

**ONCE YOU LEARN TO
READ, YOU WILL BE
FOREVER FREE.**

– Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass and his saying.

It means that reading frees the mind, opening up the possibility of education.

Frederick Douglass fought three great evils in his life: slavery, the subjugation of women, and hatred among humankind.

Frederick Douglass was an escaped slave who became a prominent activist, author, and public speaker. He became a leader in the abolitionist movement, which sought to the end the practice of slavery, before and during the Civil War. By 1843, Douglass had become part of the American Anti-Slavery Society's "Hundred Conventions" project, a six-month tour through the United States.

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Marian Anderson

Marian Anderson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 27, 1897 and died on April 8, 1993 at the age of 96.

She was the first of three sisters in her family. Her sisters' names were Alice and Ethel. Her parents were John and Annie Anderson. Her father was a salesman at a railroad station, while her mom was a teacher.



Marian Anderson performing at the Lincoln Memorial

Marian Anderson is remembered as one of the best American contraltos of all time. She was the first African American singer to perform at the white house and the first African American to sing with New York's Metropolitan Opera. From the age of six, Anderson sang in the choir of the United Methodist Church, where she became known as the "baby contralto." She taught herself piano and violin until the age of sixteen. In 1939, she had an open-air concert at the Lincoln Memorial, where 75,000 people of all races attended. This made her a celebrity.

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