

# Black History Month

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# Why do we have Black History Month?

Black History Month goes all throughout February. We have Black History Month to recognize those who were not treated equally in terms of slavery and freedom. Black History Month gives us a time to learn about the past of our community and how we've grown as a society. This year SWO's celebrating Black History Month by educating students about the whole concept.

# Black History Month Figures

Some important people in Black History Month are:

Rosa Parks

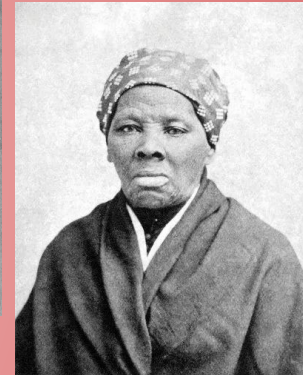
Martin Luther King Jr.

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Harriet Tubman

Frederick Douglass

Carter G. Woodson



# Martin Luther King Jr. Speech, 'I Have a Dream'

Martin Luther King Jr. gave an inspiring speech on August 28th, 1963 about human rights and the restlessness of that time. His speech, titled 'I Have a Dream' was heard by nearly 250,000 people in Washington DC during the March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs. A fact about his speech is; out of the 250,000 people who attended Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, 60,000 were white. People came from all over the country to hear Martin Luther King Jr. speak about freedom, and the turnouts were incredible.



# Rosa Parks Story

On December 1st 1955, in Montgomery Alabama, Rosa Parks came home from work, using the public transportation, the Bus. There was a normal sign that said she was only allowed to sit in the middle because she was a person of colour. When a white man came on the bus, he did not have a seat. Bus driver J.Fred Blake forced her to get up from her seat, and go to the back of the bus, *she refused*. That's when she got kicked off the bus and the police were called. She was fined 10 dollars plus 4 dollars for her court fee. By refusing to get off the bus she created a movement. This inspired many people to go against racist rules regarding things like this bus rule, and many other rules, to fight for rights everywhere for everyone.



# Final Thoughts

After this presentation we encourage you to reflect and think about what you can do to make our community a better place. This includes, donating, being more empathetic, and treating others the way you want to be treated. Think about other people, and think about your words and actions. Together, one day we can make the world a better place.



# Foundations Supporting Black History Month

Here are some foundations and organizations supporting Black History Month:

Constitutional Rights Foundation

Black Lives Matter

Black Women for Wellness

Black Teacher Project

ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History)