

## Leaders Among Us



In February, the United States celebrates African-American History Month. Since the early 1900s, we have recognized how African-Americans have contributed to our society and history.

This week, The Mini Pages offers some reading ideas for African-American History Month. Check out these titles at your local or school library!

### John Lewis

At only 23, John Lewis was one of the keynote speakers at the 1963 March on Washington,



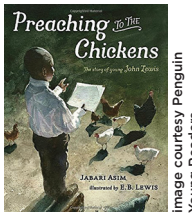
John Lewis marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders in Selma, Alabama, in 1965.

where civil rights leaders called for jobs and freedoms for black citizens. In 1986, he was elected to Congress, representing Georgia.

Today Rep. John Lewis continues to fight for civil and human rights.

### “Preaching to the Chickens”

by Jabari Asim tells the story of John Lewis’ childhood on his family’s farm in Alabama. Along with illustrations by E.B. Lewis, the story shows readers how Lewis learned to speak up for others.



### Frederick Douglass

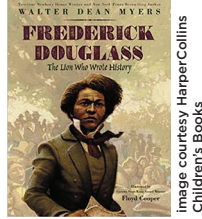
In 1818, Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in Maryland. He learned to read and write, and from newspapers, he learned to question slavery. At 20 years old, he escaped from his master and fled to New York City.



Douglass preached, published newspapers and spoke out against slavery.

### “Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History”

by Walter Dean Myers is a detailed look at the decisions Douglass made throughout his life that helped him gain his liberty and help others do the same. Illustrations by Floyd Cooper bring the scenes in the book to life.



### Fannie Lou Hamer

Fannie Lou Hamer was born in 1917 in Mississippi to sharecropper\* parents. At 12, she dropped out of school to work to help her parents.



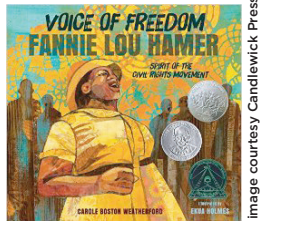
Fannie Lou Hamer at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1964.

\* A sharecropper is a tenant farmer who gives a part of each crop as rent.

In 1962, when Hamer tried to register to vote, she lost her job and was harassed by law officers. After that, she dedicated her life to working for civil rights.

### “Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer”

uses poems and illustrations by Ekua Holmes to tell Hamer’s story. Author Carole Boston Weatherford leads us through her story of determination.

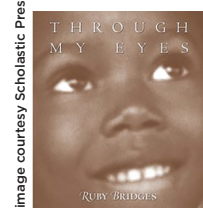


### Ruby Bridges

On Nov. 14, 1960, a 6-year-old girl took the brave steps to be the first African-American child to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She had to pass through crowds of screaming protesters, and white parents removed their children from the school.



“Through My Eyes” by Ruby Bridges gives readers a personal look at the historical moment Bridges was a part of.



## Resources



### On the Web:

- [to.pbs.org/2hCVb0n](http://to.pbs.org/2hCVb0n)
- [bit.ly/2gTujIc](http://bit.ly/2gTujIc)
- [youtu.be/\\_TchoKJrvFQ](http://youtu.be/_TchoKJrvFQ)

### At the library:

- “100 African-Americans Who Shaped American History” by Chrisanne Beckner

## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of African-American History Month are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- AFRICAN, AMERICAN, BLACK, BOOKS, BRIDGES, CIVIL, CONGRESS, DOUGLASS, FEBRUARY, HAMER, HISTORY, LEADER, LEWIS, MONTH, READ, RIGHTS, SCHOOL, SHARECROPPER, VOTE.

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Y C A N Z W N S T H G I R E T  
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## Cook's Corner

### Chickpea Salad

#### You'll need:

- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup diced carrots
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



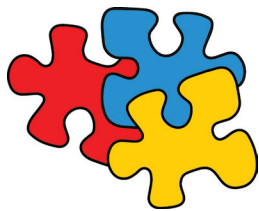
\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

#### What to do:

1. Add chickpeas and all vegetables to a medium bowl.
2. Combine vinegars and oil in a small bowl. Stir briskly with a whisk or fork.
3. Pour vinegar mixture over chickpeas and vegetables.
4. Chill for several hours to combine flavors.

## Puzzling

Unscramble the words below that remind us of civil rights.



- tosrpet \_\_\_\_\_
- uacgreo \_\_\_\_\_
- tngshert \_\_\_\_\_
- tihyros \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: protest, courage, strength, history.

## Mini Jokes



- Jason:** What was Abraham Lincoln's nickname when he was an infant?
- Julio:** Babe Lincoln!

## Eco Note



The number of Africa's wild giraffes has plunged by 40 percent over the past three decades, possibly making the species vulnerable to extinction. Scientists say the population of the world's tallest land mammal is now only about 98,000, down from 152,000 to 163,000 in 1985. They believe the drop is mainly due to shrinking habitat and poaching.

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## For later:

Talk with your class or family about what kinds of activities you would include in a celebration for National African-American History Month.

## Teachers:

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: [bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching\\_guides.html](http://bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching_guides.html)

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