



The Mini Page

Next Week:
Presidents Day

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Leaders Among Us



Mini Fact:

More than 200,000 Americans, Black and white, gathered for the March on Washington in 1963.

In February, the United States celebrates Black 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 Black History Month. Check out these titles at your local or school library.

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.

John Lewis

At only 23, John Lewis was one of the keynote speakers at the 1963 March on Washington, where civil rights leaders called for jobs and freedoms for Black citizens. In 1986, he was elected to Congress, representing Georgia.

Rep. John Lewis fought for civil and

human rights until his death in 2020.

"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.



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

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. When he was 20 years old, he escaped from slavery 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.



The Obamas

Barack and Michelle Obama spent eight years in the White House as president and first lady. Barack was the first Black president of the United States. He served from 2009 to 2017.

Both Barack and Michelle graduated from Harvard Law School, becoming lawyers interested in civil rights.

The Obamas have many shared goals: the best educational opportunities for everyone, help for the homeless, affordable health care for all and equal treatment for people around the world.

The Obama Foundation's mission is "to help people turn hope into action — to inspire, empower, and connect them to change their world."

To learn more about Michelle and Barack Obama, you can check out the books "The Story of Michelle Obama" by Christine Platt and "Who Is Barack Obama?" by Roberta Edwards.



President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle, and their two daughters, Sasha and Malia, with their dogs, Bo and Sunny, at the White House.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPFeb23
- bit.ly/MPFeb24

At the library:

- "Black Heroes" by Arlisha Norwood
- "Things Kids Should Know About Black History" by Educational Parade

Try 'n' Find

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

BOOKS, BRIDGES, CELEBRATE, DOUGLASS, EDUCATION, FAMOUS, HISTORY, HONOR, LEWIS, LIBERTY, MARCH, MONTH, OBAMAS, RIGHTS, SCHOOL, SOCIETY, STORIES.

B Q X S L S F B L L N Y A F X
O U Y S K O G S H H O C U A Y
O R T A R C H T I V I M O M V
K I R L K I O O S S T O B O S
S G E G G E N R T K A N A U C
U H B U E T O I O L C T M S H
Q T I O A Y R E R H U H A I O
S S L D F N I S Y V D X S W O
T E T A R B E L E C E V F E L
S E G D I R B M A R C H P L K



Mini Jokes



James: What do you call two birds in love?
Jenna: Tweethearts!

Eco Note



A recent study suggests that the world may have crossed a "tipping point" that will make solar our main source of energy before 2050. The study by the University of Exeter and University College London says that challenges still exist, including the variability of solar power by night and day, weather and the seasons. But upgrading power grids and connecting different regions will help. Increasing wind power potential will also be key, the researchers added.

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For later:

Look in the newspaper for articles about Black History Month.

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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are watching fireworks. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



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