

## Honoring History



**Mini Fact:**  
The Tuskegee Army National Historic Site in Alabama honors the first black military pilots.

February is African-American History Month. To celebrate, let's visit some of the sites that have been preserved to help us honor and appreciate the contributions of African-Americans.



The Booker T. Washington National Monument is the birthplace of this amazing educator. He was born in Hardy, Virginia, as a slave in 1856. He later helped found Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, one of the first colleges for black students.



Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas, honors the Supreme Court case of 1954. The court ruled that the government must allow students of all races to go to public schools together.



Frederick Douglass' study.

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in Washington, D.C., honors this great writer and speaker. Douglass, who was born a slave, escaped from slavery to fight for the rights of African-Americans, women and the poor.

The George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri, honors the scientist who worked to produce better food crops and products. He is best known for inventing peanut butter as we know it today.



This statue of Carver as a boy was sculpted in 1960. It sits along the Carver Trail.



The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia, includes his boyhood home.



Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Little Rock, Arkansas, is where nine African-American high school students first tried to go to school after the Supreme Court banned school segregation 60 years ago. The students had to walk through a group of about 1,000 angry people protesting desegregation.



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The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in Alabama honors the hundreds of marchers who in 1965 walked from Selma to Montgomery in support of the Voting Rights Act.

### Resources

**On the Web:**

- [nps.gov/aahistory](https://nps.gov/aahistory)
- [bit.ly/MPblackhistory](https://bit.ly/MPblackhistory)

**At the library:**

- "28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World" by Charles R. Smith Jr.

## Try 'n' Find

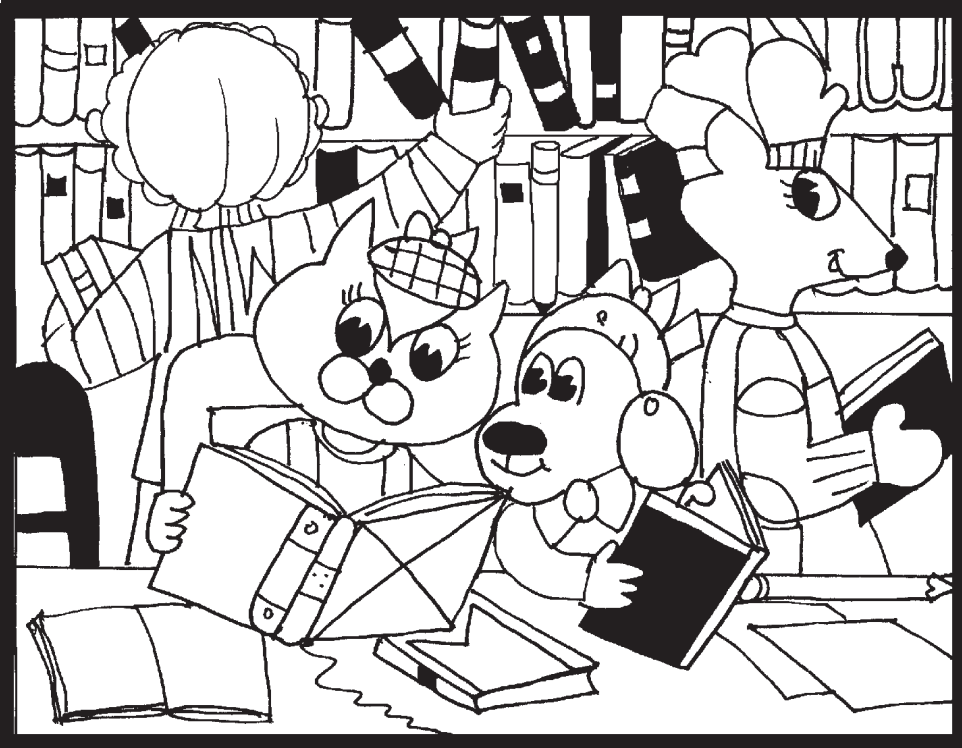
Words that remind us of African-American history sites are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

AFRICAN,  
AMERICAN, BROWN,  
DESEGREGATION,  
DOUGLASS, EDUCATION,  
HISTORIC, KING, LITTLE  
ROCK, MONTGOMERY,  
MONTH, SELMA,  
SLAVERY, STATUE, TRAIL,  
VOTING, WASHINGTON.

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

## Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are reading about African-American history in the library. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



Based on materials originally produced and/or created by Betty Debnam.

- man in the moon
- word MINI
- heart

- letter M
- kite
- bandage
- acorn

- olive
- number 8
- safety pin
- two pencils

- mitten
- number 3
- letter H
- pumpkin

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## Mini Jokes

**Allie:** How is a baby like an old car?  
**Aaron:** They both have rattles!

## Eco Note

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- Turning off lights when they're not needed.
- Switching off computers and TVs when not in use.
- Using low-energy lightbulbs.
- Putting on a sweater instead of turning up the heat.
- Drying clothes outdoors instead of using the dryer.

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## For later:

Look in your newspaper for African-American History Month events in your area.

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