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Black History Month

Black History Month is observed every February in the United States and Canada. In the United Kingdom, Black History Month is observed in October. The idea to dedicate a specific time to reflect upon and celebrate black history was first proposed in 1926. A historian named Carter G. Woodson chose a week in February for the observance because it was close to the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The observance became increasingly popular, and President Gerald Ford made Black History Month an official observance in the United States in 1976. During Black History Month, we recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people.

Name a black person whose contributions or achievements you think are noteworthy. What did they do, and why was it important?
