



Black History Month

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Black History Month started in 1926 and has been an official American observance since 1976. It's also celebrated in the UK and Canada.

Take February to learn more about this month and the stories it represents. Choose at least 10 of the activities at right to complete (or challenge yourself to do all 28!) in order to earn your GSCSA Black History Month patch.

Many of these prompts offer suggestions for how to complete them, but you can also complete it your own way.



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1 Look up why February is Black History Month.	2 Read books like <i>Hidden Figures</i> , <i>All Boys Aren't Blue</i> , <i>The Hate U Give</i> , <i>March</i> , or <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> .	3 Pick a Girl Scout pillar and research a Black woman in that field.	4 Listen to Black music artists like Amythyst Kiah, Rhiannon Giddens, and Our Native Daughters.	5 Shop at a Black-owned business.	6 Visit the online Freedom Stories exhibit at the International Storytelling Center.	7 Peruse the timeline from Black American History.org going back 315,000 years.
8 Pick a subject that interests you and research a Black woman in that field.	9 Check out the online exhibits at the National Museum of African-American History and Culture .	10 Learn about the Black history of your own town.	11 Learn about the role Carter G. Woodson played in the founding of Black History Month.	12 Read the Emancipation Proclamation and talk about its impact on America.	13 Watch films like <i>The Princess & the Frog</i> , <i>Dream Girls</i> , <i>Selma</i> , <i>Ray</i> , and <i>Perfect Harmony</i> .	14 Watch or listen to Amanda Gorman perform, then write your own poem.
15 Visit a Black history landmark like the Highlander Center in New Market, TN.	16 Learn about and donate to organizations like the Ruby Bridges Foundation .	17 Learn about the Black influence on things like rock-n-roll and country music.	18 Read " Ain't I A Woman " by Sojourner Truth or " Still I Rise " by Maya Angelou.	19 Type "First Black woman to..." into a search engine and see where it takes you.	20 Connect with a diversity-centered institute like Learning for Justice .	21 Look up the CROWN Act and see how you can join the movement.
22 Choose a sport you like and research a Black woman who plays it.	23 Earn the GSUSA Black History Month patch .	24 Discover the meaning behind the colors of Black History Month: green, red, and yellow.	25 Learn about other Black holidays like Juneteenth and 8th of August .	26 Participate in a Black History Month event in your town.	27 Teach your troop at least one interesting fact you've learned this month.	28 Learn about the kids who made history like Claudette Colvin , the Clinton 12 and the Little Rock Nine .