



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Reading Comprehension



Every February, people in the United States celebrate Black History Month. This month is a time to honor the achievements, history, and contributions of African Americans. It is also a time to remember the struggles many people faced while fighting for equality and civil rights.

One important leader was Martin Luther King Jr.. He believed in peaceful protest and worked to end segregation and unfair laws. In 1963, he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, calling for equal rights for all people.

Another brave woman was Rosa Parks. In 1955, she refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. Her actions helped start the Montgomery Bus Boycott, an important event in the Civil Rights Movement.

Long before that, Harriet Tubman helped enslaved people escape to freedom through the Underground Railroad. She risked her life many times to guide others to safety.

In sports, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball in 1947. His courage opened doors for many future athletes.

Black History Month reminds us that these leaders, and many others, helped shape history. Their bravery and determination continue to inspire people today.



1. What is the purpose of Black History Month?

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2. How did Martin Luther King Jr. work to bring change during the Civil Rights Movement?

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3. What brave action did Rosa Parks take, and why was it important?

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4. How did Harriet Tubman help enslaved people?

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5. Why was Jackie Robinson important in American sports history?

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