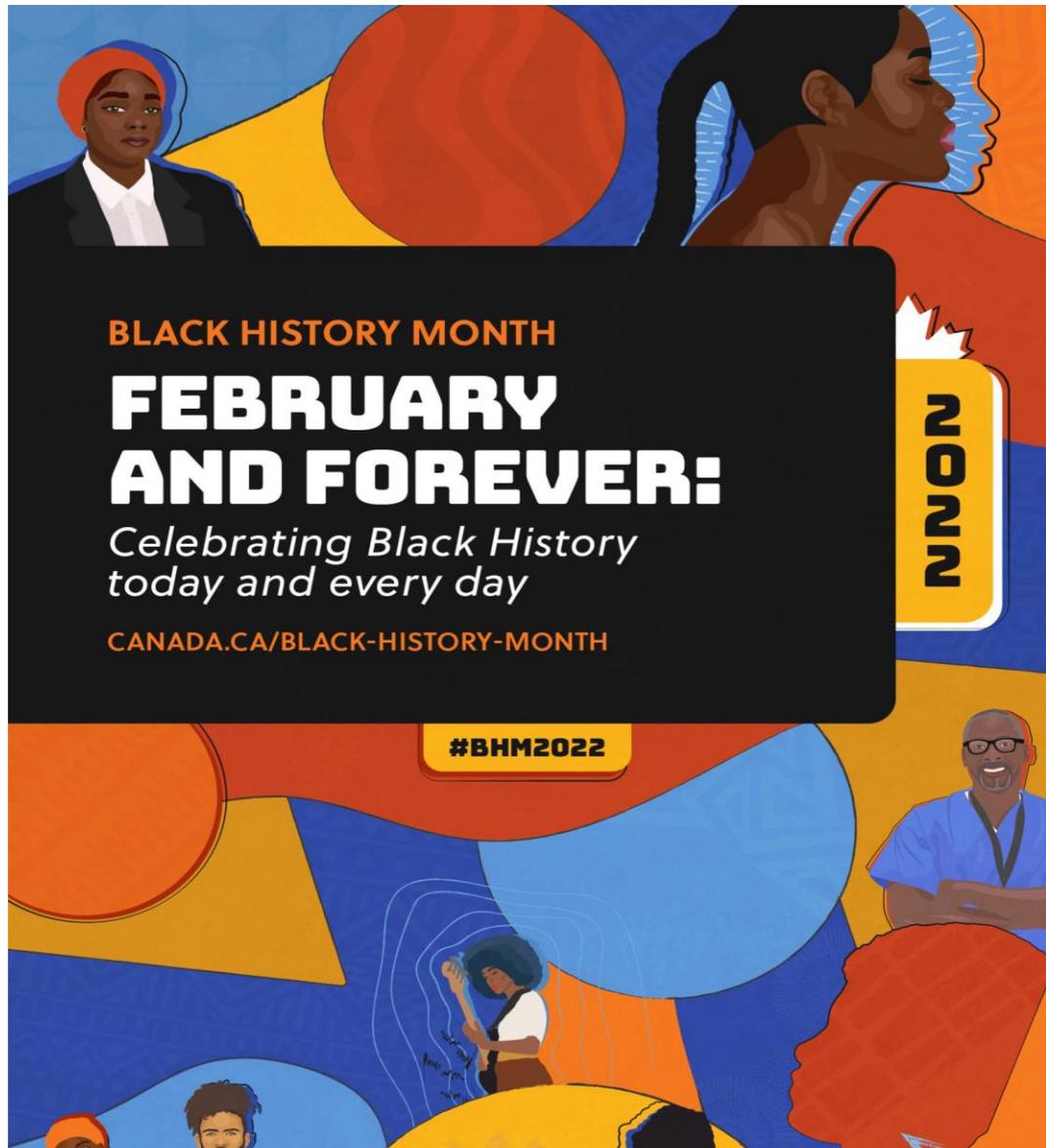


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About Black History Month

In Canada, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in 1995. The motion was introduced by the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine. In February 2008, former Nova Scotia Senator Donald Oliver, introduced a motion to have the Senate officially declare February as Black History Month. The motion received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008.

Source: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/black-history-month-in-canada>

Black History Lesson Plans

Elementary

The ETFO guides include Ontario curriculum expectations and Black history lesson plans for grades k-8. Natasha Henry, President of the Ontario Black History Society, served as the content editor.

Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario 365 Black Canadian Curriculum
<https://www.etfo.ca/resources/classroom-resources/365-black-canadian-curriculum/365-black-canadian-curriculum>

365 Black Canadian Curriculum Worksheets
<https://www.etfo.ca/resources/classroom-resources/365-black-canadian-curriculum/365-black-canadian-curriculum>

Virtual Children's Stories: Black History Month

Notable figures from the Black Canadian community read children's stories written by Black authors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AcUpurP7iU>

Teaching African Canadian History

This site includes K-12 lesson plans about slavery in Canada, famous Black Canadians, African Canadians and the War of 1812, African Canadian Labour History, and African Canadian women.

<https://teachingafricancanadianhistory.weebly.com/lesson-plans.html>

Ontario Teachers' Federation

<https://www.otffeo.on.ca/en/resources/lesson-plans/literacy-black-history/>

This site focuses on Canadian Black History through the use of grades nine and ten literacy lessons. Nine and tenth grade literacy lesson plans are included for subjects such as Social Science, Religion, English, Math, Art, Science, and Business.

Books About African Canadian History

Teaching Canadian History provides a curated list of books about Black History for children to young adults.

<https://teachingafricancanadianhistory.weebly.com/books-articles--other-publications.html>

Sadlier, R. (2021). *The Kids Book of Black Canadian History*. Toronto: Kids Can Press.

Eight must-read Canadian nonfiction works for Black History Month

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/8-must-read-canadian-nonfiction-works-for-black-history-month-1.4520434>

Black History Societies and Museums

Black Loyalist Heritage Center

From 1775-83, thousands of free or enslaved Africans fought for the British during the American Revolutionary War. Called Black Loyalists, they hoped to gain their freedom. In 1783, when the Treaty of Paris was signed, British forces fled to Europe, the West Indies, and the Upper and Lower Canada. More than 3,000 free Blacks or former enslaved people settled

in Nova Scotia. The Black Loyalist heritage center is located in Birchtown Bay on the western shores of Shelburne Harbour.

The site offers a virtual tour of the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre & Heritage Site and a guide for educators. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkVZQRIYODc&t=1s>

<https://blackloyalist.com/>

Ontario Black History Society

The Ontario Black History Society was founded in 1978. The OBHS is dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of Ontario's Black History. The organization provides tours and online learning resources. The OBHS is also the only Ontario Provincial Heritage Organization of the Ministry of Culture devoted to Black history and heritage.

Profiles of Black Canadians

<https://blackhistorysociety.ca/history/>

Black History Ottawa

<https://www.blackhistoryottawa.com/>

Black History Ottawa (BHO) is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to advance education by increasing public knowledge and appreciation and by researching the history, culture, traditions, and achievements of African Canadians

Buxton National Museum

Buxton is one of Ontario's oldest Black Canadian communities. Formerly called The Elgin Settlement in 1849, it became the known as North and South Buxton in 1872. The descendants of the original settlers remain in the area to this day.

<http://www.buxtonmuseum.com/>

<http://www.buxtonmuseum.com/history/virtual.html>

Black Cultural Center for Nova Scotia

The Black Cultural Society is incorporated under Nova Scotia legislation, known as the Black Cultural Society act of 1977. The Centre is supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities Culture and Heritage, and through donations and membership.

<https://bccns.com/>

Amherstburg Freedom Museum

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is located in Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada. It is a non-profit, community-based museum that tells the story of African-Canadians' history and contributions. Founded in 1975 by residents of Amherstburg, it preserves, presents artifacts and tells the story of African-Canadians' journey and contributions. The site includes digital collections and artifacts.

<https://amherstburgfreedom.org/>

Articles

Butler, A. (2021). An African-Centered Approach to Teaching Black History.

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/february-2021/an-african-centered-approach-to-teaching-black-history/>

The Conversation

<https://theconversation.com/ca/topics/black-history-month-35552>

62 articles related to Black History Month

Here's the story behind Black History Month — and why it's celebrated in February

Jonathan Franklin

February 1, 2022

<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/01/1075623826/why-is-february-black-history-month>

Black History Month: What is it and why do we need it?

Alem Tedeneke

January 27, 2022

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/01/black-history-month-what-is-it-and-why-do-we-need-it/>

Library Resources

Library and Archives Canada: Archival Documents and Photos

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/Pages/blacks.aspx>

Under a Northern Star presents seven collections at Library and Archives Canada that document the experiences of African Canadians. These historical papers and photographs reveal the life and work of people who fought against slavery and racism.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/under-northern-star/Pages/under-northern-star.aspx>

Queen's University Library: Black History Month Resources

A list of K-12 books for Black History Month and related resources.

<https://guides.library.queensu.ca/pj-social-justice/antiracism>

<https://library.queensu.ca/about-us/news-events/queens-university-library-celebrates-black-history-month>

<https://guides.library.queensu.ca/is-social-justice/antiracism>

Kingston Frontenac Public Library

These fiction and nonfiction books star Black children expressing their self-confidence, displaying tender moments with family, and just being their wonderful extraordinary everyday selves.

<https://www.kfpl.ca/news-and-reviews/may-we-suggest/2022/01/30/black-history-month-from-the-childrens-collection>

Toronto Public Library

Toronto Public Library celebrates Black History year-round with programs, reading lists, podcast episodes and videos that honour Black heritage and culture, and consider the historical significance and contemporary contributions of Black activists and artists from around the world.

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/featured/black-history-month.jsp>

Waterloo Region District School Board: Library Learning Commons

The list of Black History Month resources includes books, virtual learning resources, and links to a variety of resources about Black Canadian history.

<https://llc.wrdsb.ca/discovery/pathfinders/black-history-month/>

Government Resources

Historica Canada: Black History in Canada

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/collection/black-history-in-canada>

Ontario Heritage Trust: Slavery to Freedom

<https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/en/index.php/pages/our-stories/slavery-to-freedom>

Black History Month: Notable Black Canadians

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/black-canadians.html>

Canadian Heritage: About Black History Month

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Black History Month Videos

<https://blackhistorysociety.ca/educational-resources/>

The goal of #ShareTheirStory is to change the way we talk about history in Canada by bringing the stories of five historic Black entrepreneurs into the discussion. The site was developed in partnership with the OBHS, Ryerson (X) University and the Rella Braithwaite Foundation.

Canadian Heritage: Proud of Our History: Black History Month

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np_jD0YUQrw

Canadian Heritage: Emancipation Day
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFNyTabTGBg>

Canadian Heritage: Harriet Tubman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZfUU25woC4>

Canadian Heritage: No. 2 Construction Battalion - Black History Month
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNln3x3thkc&t=1s>

Canadian Heritage: Elijah McCoy 'The Real McCoy'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGnwC0gfD4g>

Amherstburg Freedom Museum
Videos about Underground Railroad, Black family stories.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTpL0Vj5GaGFlv_scpAuQNO/videos

Toolkits for Educators

Infosheets

The Black Cultural Center for Nova Scotia provides PDF infosheets on topics such as Black Loyalists and important historical Black figures.

<https://bccns.com/resources/>

<https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/kayak-in-the-classroom/black-history/black-history-educational-package>

The Black Canadian Educational Package includes a magazine issue about the history of Black Canadians aimed at primary learners, lesson plans, and videos about Africville, Black Canadian railway porters, Viola Desmond, and Portia White.

Black History Month Resources: Approaches, Identities, Histories, Legacies & Inclusion

This four-part list of resources focuses on Approaches and Mindsets, Exploring Black Identity and Black Joy, Black Canadian History in Chronological Order and Legacy and Memorials.

<https://facingcanada.facinghistory.org/black-history-month-resources>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/toolkit.html>

CBC Kids: Black History Month

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/all-about-black-history-month>