

Name ..... Teaching Group.....

# Black History Month homework project



Civil Rights in the USA

October is Black History Month

You must complete all the tasks in this homework project  
and hand in your finished homework project on .....

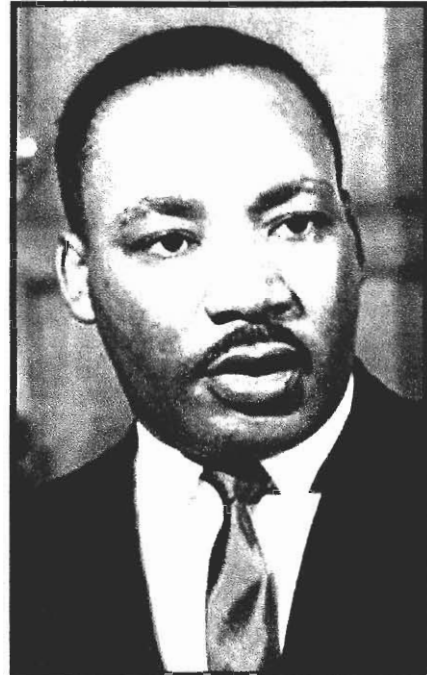
The picture on the front page is of Rosa May Parks. She is an important figure in the black civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's in the Southern States of the USA. Why was sitting on a bus such a big deal?

For the following tasks you will need to do some research. Try the LRC for information. Don't forget that books are full of useful information!!!

Create a timeline for the events in Rosa May Parks' life. Some details are filled in for you.

Year	event
	Rosa May Parks born in .....

1955



This picture is of Martin Luther King.

What did he mean when he said he believed in non-violent protests? What kind of things did people do to protest? Find as many examples as you can and write them here:

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These Freedom riders campaigned in 1961.

1. What did they want?

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2. and how did they try to get it?

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3. Were they successful?

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Martin Luther King wanted people to avoid violence. Other leaders in the Civil Rights movement did not agree. Find out about Malcolm X and write at least 10 historical facts about his life here:

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Things have changed! Find out some positive things!

*Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave.  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.*

By Maya Angelou, "Still I Rise" 1978



1. When did Black people get the vote in the USA?
2. Find the name of a famous African-American politician.
3. Name a famous African-American singer
4. Name a famous African-American sports star
5. Name a famous African-American film star.

Answers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Can you find out more facts about any of the people in your answers? Go on, find out 1 really interesting fact about 1 of them.

Visit the website [www.blackfacts.com](http://www.blackfacts.com).

Type in your birthday and record, in your own words, five of the events which happened on that day in history. Don't forget to write in the year!

Remember that the LRC is open after school on Tues, Weds, Thurs. You may need to ask your teacher for a note in your planner.

My birthday is ..... of .....

Can you find the names of all these influential Black people in the wordsearch?

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Benjamin Zephaniah  
Black History  
Desmond Tutu  
irespect  
Linton Kwesi Johnson  
Malcolm X  
Martin Luther King

Maya Angelou  
Nelson Mandela  
Olaudah Equiano  
Rosa May Parks  
Steve Biko  
Tessa Sanderson  
Wilfred Wood

You have found out about a lot of important Black people in this project!  
Design a poster to share all your knowledge of one of these people. The  
best will go on display.