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The Legacy of Maya Angelou

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Maya Angelou was an American poet, author, and civil rights activist born in 1928. Although she passed in 2014, her legend still lives on through her numerous autobiographies, essays, and poem books. Her works centered around the themes of racism, family, traveling, and identity. As a civil rights leader, she worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Angelou was also an actress, director, producer of plays, and a correspondent in Egypt and Ghana during the decolonization of Africa. In 1993, she recited her poem, “On the Pulse of Morning” at Bill Clinton’s inauguration. Not only did Angelou expand and challenge the entire genre of autobiography, she served as an inspiration to many



people in the face of discrimination. Readers were able to connect with her through her life stories and her countless poetic pieces. We remember her great efforts towards the African American community during Black History Month.

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Youth Registration

For 8th - 12th grade students

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We are excited to announce that our CEO, Lori Hoff, will be speaking at the TABSE state-wide conference on February 11 in Dallas, Texas. The topic will be on helping youth become more resilient. For more details and registration, download

MISSION STATEMENT:

“The purpose of OMI is to instill resiliency skills through education and developing life skills to “at-risk” youth in hopes that they will become productive members of society. To provide opportunities that will focus on the entire mind, body, soul and spirit.”

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How Black History Month Began

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Black History Month or “African American History Month” is celebrated every year to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. In 1926, Carter G. Woodson commenced the first “Negro History Week” on Feb. 7 to commemorate and raise awareness of Black History. BHM not only recognizes important historical figures but also teaches individuals about the history of African Americans. In the beginning, the second week of February was declared as “Negro History Week” which later turned into a month-long celebration in 1976. In this month, some notable figures often highlighted are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mae Jemison, and Barack Obama, the first African American president of the United States. Today, other countries including the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Canada, and Germany have also joined the United States in celebration of Black History Month to recognize the



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Celebrating Black History Month

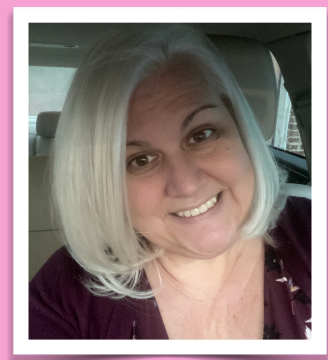
Delaylah Hernandez

There are many ways to celebrate and honor Black History Month. One of the many things you could do is educate yourself and those around you. You could support black-owned businesses and donate or volunteer at a black charity organization. Another great thing to do is spread awareness and stand in solidarity with the black community. But one of the most important things to remember is to not only do this in the month of February but to do this every single month. Singer, owner of makeup brand Fenty Beauty, and one of the most influential figures of our generation, Rhianna, stated “So when we’re marching and protesting and posting... tell your friends to pull up.”



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

In honor of Black History Month, we are celebrating healthy love. Healthy love means trust, compassion, and genuineness. I honor Danielle and Hasani Pettiford, founders of Couples Academy. They have been married for 19 years and are raising 4 beautiful daughters. Love is commitment, patience, and strength, and they exemplify these. We must first love ourselves in order to be able to love anyone. Here at OMI, we celebrate Black Love and teach our young people how to have healthy relationships.



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- Answer Key:
1. Toussaint L'Ouverture
 2. Fannie Lou Hammer
 3. Jesse Owens
 4. President Gerald Ford
 5. Lauryn Hill
 6. February 3, 1870
 7. The Bluest Eye
 8. The Maroons
 9. Solomon Northup

Activity Page: Black History Month Quiz

Serena Buntin

How well do you know your Black History? Complete the quiz below and tag us @nywusa with your completed answers!

1. Name this Haitian general and prominent leader of the Haitian revolution T----- L-----.
2. Name this voting rights activist, born in 1917, F---- L- H---.
3. Who was the first US athlete to win four gold medals in a single olympiad?
4. Which President officially recognized Black History month?
5. Who was the first black woman to win 5 Grammys?
6. The 15th Amendment, which granted African-Americans the right to vote, was passed on which date?
 - A. February 3, 1870
 - B. July 14, 1889
 - C. November 19, 1910
7. The name of Toni Morrison's first novel.
8. The former slaves who escaped from their Spanish-owned plantations in Jamaica were known as the M-----.
9. Who wrote the novel 12 Years a Slave?