



# Celebrating Black History Month: Celebrating Diversity Across the Network

## February 2023

*NAF celebrates diversity across the network and invites you to honor the 400-year history of Black Americans. Since culture is vibrant year-round, NAF encourages the network to expand their learning about Black History beyond February.*

### ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

HOW CAN CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY SERVE AS A VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE?

*As you engage with these resources and activities, remember to Take Charge of Your Learning, which includes these four phases:*



#### REFLECT

Think deeply about your aspirations and purpose.  
(Return to this phase throughout your learning.)



#### STRETCH

Expand your knowledge and Future Ready skills through active learning.



#### INNOVATE

Create solutions for problems you're passionate about solving.



#### SHOWCASE

Share your innovations with an audience in a format that's captivating.



### REFLECT

*Think deeply about your social awareness, perspectives, and relationship with your culture and those of others.*

#### ASK YOURSELF:

- What is [Black History Month like Around the World?](#)
- What was your most memorable Black History celebration? What did you learn and how did it impact you?
- Explore a "[Searchable Museum: A place to explore history and culture through an African American lens](#)". As you go through the museum, what more would you like to learn about Black/African-American history?

Reflect on these questions and consider your responses as you continue.



## STRETCH

*Engage deeper in learning through your own initiative to expand your knowledge and skills.*

- Analyze primary sources of key documents in Black history. What is their enduring impact on society?
- Who should be honored and celebrated during BHM and isn't? Analyze how and why certain individuals are elevated?
- [Investigate](#) your family's ancestry and history if you are Black or learn about the family history of a Black friend, neighbor, or mentor.

## CELEBRATING CHANGE MAKERS: PAST & PRESENT

[Ursula Burns](#) 🔗

*a champion of STEM and the first Black woman to be a CEO of a Fortune 500 company*



[Tyler Perry](#) 🔗

*a billionaire entrepreneur changing the face of Hollywood and opening doors for others*

[Kristin Kitchen](#) 🔗

*a hotelier dedicated to supporting communities and amplifying Black culture and history*



[Jerry Lawson](#) 🔗

*a revolutionary engineer who developed the first cartridge-based video game console*

[Solomon Carter Fuller](#) 🔗

*the first Black psychiatrist and pioneer of Alzheimer's disease and mental health*





## INNOVATE

Create solutions for real-world problems you are passionate about and want to solve.  
Choose one of the options below:

Choice 1: What is your dream for America? Write a speech or design an infographic.

Choice 2: Write a bill that will benefit the African American community.

Choice 3:  
Create a virtual tour guide of African-American history, in your local area.



*Elliott Eddie was the inventor and founder of The Entrepreneur Game, an award-winning board game.*

Choice 4:  
View Celebrate Black History. Pick a topic that inspires you to contribute to your Black community.



## SHOWCASE

Share your learning with the world in one (or more) of these ways:

Choice 1: Create a YouTube video that details your learning through the project challenge.

Choice 2: Create a blog or a social media campaign that highlights your project and learning journey.

Choice 3: Produce a PechaKucha (a 400-second visual story) that showcases your project and learning journey.



Sidney Poitier, who passed away January 6, 2022, was an award-winning actor, director, and activist. He helped change Hollywood by actively rejecting offensive racial stereotypes to uphold black excellence.

Choice 4: Showcase your project in a format of your choosing.