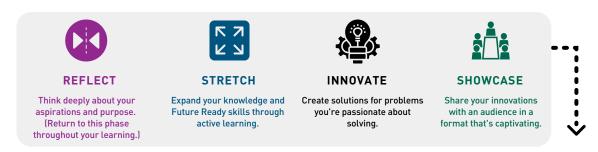


# Celebrating Black History Month: Celebrating Diversity Across the Network February 2023

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.

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

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





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?
- <u>Investigate</u> your family's ancestry and history if you are Blackor 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





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 cartridgebased video game console

Solomon Carter Fuller (1) the first Black psychiatrist and pioneer of Alzheimer's disease and mental health









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 AfricanAmerican history, in your
local area.



Elliott Eddie was the inventor and founder of <u>The Entrepreneur Game</u>, an award-winning board game.

Choice 4: View <u>Celebrate Black History</u>. 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: <u>Create a YouTube video</u> that details your learning through the project challenge.

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

Choice 3: Produce a <u>PechaKucha</u> (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.

