

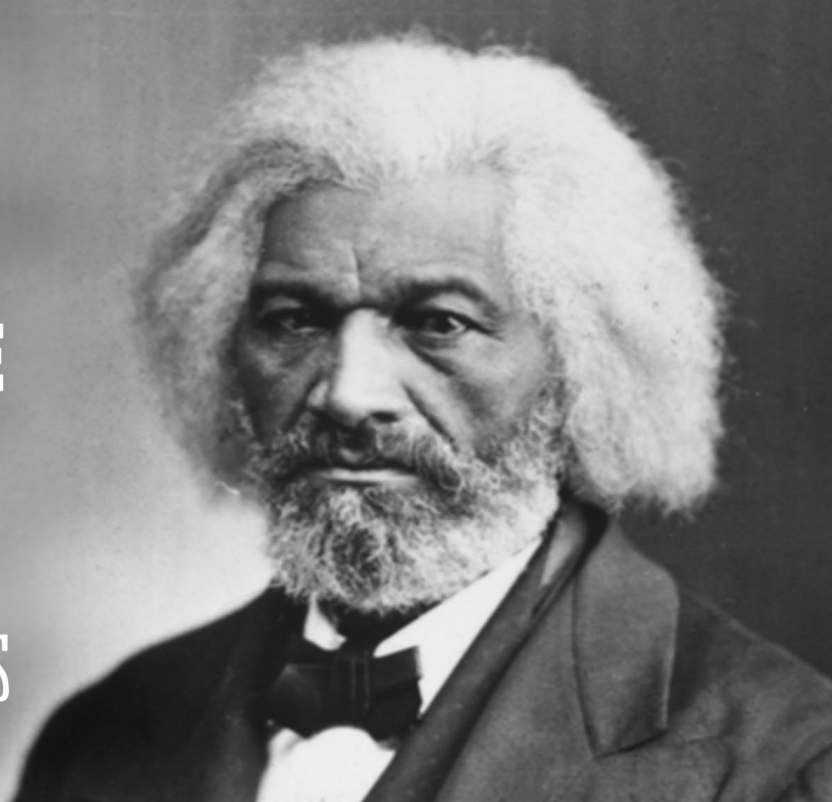
# February is

## NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Spotlight on: **FREDERICK DOUGLASS**

“  
ONCE YOU LEARN TO  
READ, YOU WILL BE  
FOREVER FREE.

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS



### Why we're proud of this individual:

- Frederick Douglass is known as the father of civil rights movement. He rose through determination, brilliance, and eloquence to shape the American nation. He was an abolitionist human rights and women's rights activist, orator, author journalist, publisher, and social reformer. Douglass served as an advisor to presidents. Abraham Lincoln referred to him as the most meritorious man of the nineteenth century. He served as a U.S. Marshal of the District of Columbia during Rutherford B. Hayes' administration and President James Garfield appointed him the District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds. In 1889 President Benjamin Harrison appointed him to be the US minister to Haiti. He was later appointed by President Grant to serve as secretary of the commission of Santo Domingo. He worked to retain the hard-won advances of African-Americans. Douglass spent his last years opposing lynching and supporting the rights of women.

• [http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/exhibits/douglass\\_exhibit/douglass.html](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/exhibits/douglass_exhibit/douglass.html)

### February Dates in History:

**February 3, 1870**—The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right to citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

**February 6, 1895**—Legendary baseball player George Herman “Babe” Ruth was born.

**February 6, 1952**—King George VI of England died. Upon his death, his daughter Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II.

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