



A Week That Grew into a Month

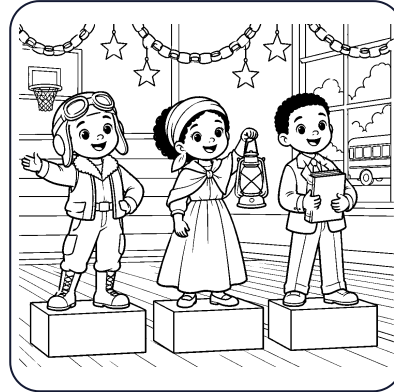
Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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Name _____

❶ In 1926, a Black historian had a big idea. His name was Carter G. Woodson. His parents were once enslaved, and as a boy he worked in coal mines. But he never stopped learning, and he earned a doctorate in history at Harvard University. Then he saw a problem. Black people were mostly missing from school history books.



音声を聞こう

❷ So Woodson started Negro History Week. He chose the second week of February. Why? Two famous birthdays were in that week. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12. Frederick Douglass, a great speaker against slavery, chose February 14 as his birthday. Black communities already celebrated these two days.

❸ The idea slowly spread to schools and cities. In the 1960s, college students said one week was not enough. In 1970, students at Kent State University in Ohio held the first Black History Month. Then, in 1976, President Gerald Ford asked all Americans to honor the work of Black Americans. Since then, February has been Black History Month in the United States.

❹ Today, students learn about people like Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr. Some young students dress up as these heroes and tell their life stories. Canada also has Black History Month in February. But in the United Kingdom and Ireland, it is in October.

❺ Some people say February was chosen because it is the shortest month. That is not true. Woodson picked it himself, and at first it was only one week long. In 2026, the celebration turned 100 years old. Woodson's dream was simple. He wanted Black history to be part of everyone's history.

Words 単語

enslaved 奴隷にされた

coal mine 炭鉱

doctorate 博士号

missing 欠けている、見当たらない

slavery 奴隷制

speaker 演説家、話し手

community 地域社会、共同体

spread 広がる

honor たたえる、敬意を表す

hero 英雄、ヒーロー

dress up 仮装する、正装する

shortest いちばん短い



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the story mainly about?

- (A) How Black History Month began and grew (B) Why February has only 28 days
(C) How Lincoln became president (D) Why students like wax museums

2. When did Woodson start Negro History Week?

- (A) In 1912 (B) In 1926
(C) In 1970 (D) In 1976

3. Why did Woodson choose the second week of February?

- (A) Schools had a vacation that week. (B) It was the coldest week of the year.
(C) Two famous birthdays were in that week. (D) Harvard University asked him to.

4. Where was the first Black History Month held?

- (A) At Harvard University (B) In a school in Canada
(C) At the White House (D) At Kent State University

5. In paragraph 3, "honor the work of Black Americans" means to ...

- (A) pay Black Americans for their work (B) show respect for what Black Americans did
(C) give Black Americans more work (D) write a test about Black Americans

6. Which is true according to the story?

- (A) Woodson's parents went to Harvard University. (B) Black History Month is in October in Canada.
(C) Douglass chose his own birthday. (D) February was chosen because it is the shortest month.

7. What can we guess about Woodson from the story?

- (A) He wanted children to learn a fuller history. (B) He did not like school when he was young.
(C) He wanted a holiday with no classes. (D) He thought one week was too long.

8. In the dialogue, why is Jasmine wearing goggles?

- (A) She is going swimming after school. (B) She is playing Bessie Coleman, a pilot.
(C) She is working in a science lab. (D) She wants to look like Haruto.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

Black History Month is in February in the United States.	T / F
It started as one week in 1926.	T / F
February was chosen because it is the shortest month.	T / F
Lincoln and Douglass have birthdays in February.	T / F
In the United Kingdom, Black History Month is in May.	T / F
Carter G. Woodson studied at a university in Japan.	T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● peanut



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● airplane



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● star



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● calendar



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● microphone



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● book



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● cake



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● bus

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. T Y S R H I O

2. R E O M F D E

3. U B A E Y F R R

4. O E R H

5. O T M M I Y U N C

6. C E A B L E E T R

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

bus

pilot

button

speak

history

summer

pizza

February

sleepy

museum

goggles

clapped

person

Jasmine's Wax Museum

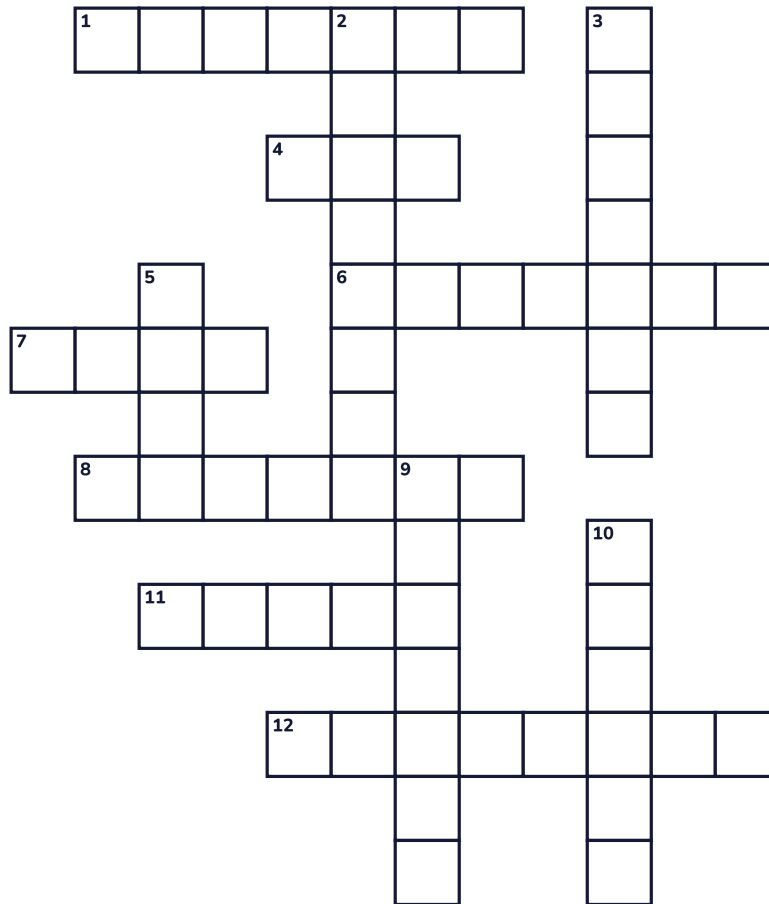
Every (1) _____, Jasmine's school learns about Black (2) _____. This year, the students made a living wax (3) _____. Each student chose a famous (4) _____ and read many books about that hero. Jasmine became Bessie Coleman, a (5) _____. She wore old (6) _____ and a brown jacket. Her friend Mia was Rosa Parks. She sat in a chair like a (7) _____ seat. When visitors pushed a (8) _____, the students started to (9) _____. Jasmine said, "I flew planes in the 1920s!" Everyone (10) _____ for her.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 1 Harriet Tubman led about 70 people to this. (7)
- 4 Rosa Parks did not give up her seat on this. (3)
- 6 The president who was born on February 12. (7)
- 7 Seven days. The first celebration was this long. (4)
- 8 Carter G. ____ started Negro History Week in 1926. (7)
- 11 Bessie Coleman flew planes. She was a _____. (5)
- 12 The second month of the year. (8)

Down ↓

- 2 Frederick ____ was a great speaker against slavery. (8)
- 3 The study of the past. (7)
- 5 A person people admire for being brave or great. (4)
- 9 The UK and Ireland celebrate in this tenth month. (7)
- 10 This country north of the United States also celebrates in February. (6)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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C	J	M	H	I	S	T	O	R	Y	O	H	N
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O	W	D	H	V	L	I	E	N	N	N	I	E
J	F	O	T	G	O	F	B	E	C	A	G	R
H	E	S	O	S	H	C	K	A	D	O	D	O
S	B	F	U	D	V	C	T	L	I	O	L	A
C	R	J	D	V	S	Y	B	O	U	E	M	N
H	U	B	U	S	O	O	T	M	B	O	H	T
O	A	Y	O	E	U	H	N	R	Y	E	T	A
O	R	E	D	O	U	G	L	A	S	S	R	A
L	Y	O	A	W	O	L	T	W	E	E	K	O
W	M	O	N	T	H	V	C	K	O	G	B	K

Find these words! 13

- ☐ BUS
- ☐ CANADA
- ☐ DOUGLASS
- ☐ FEBRUARY
- ☐ FREEDOM
- ☐ HERO
- ☐ HISTORY
- ☐ LINCOLN
- ☐ MONTH
- ☐ OCTOBER
- ☐ SCHOOL
- ☐ WEEK
- ☐ WOODSON

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。



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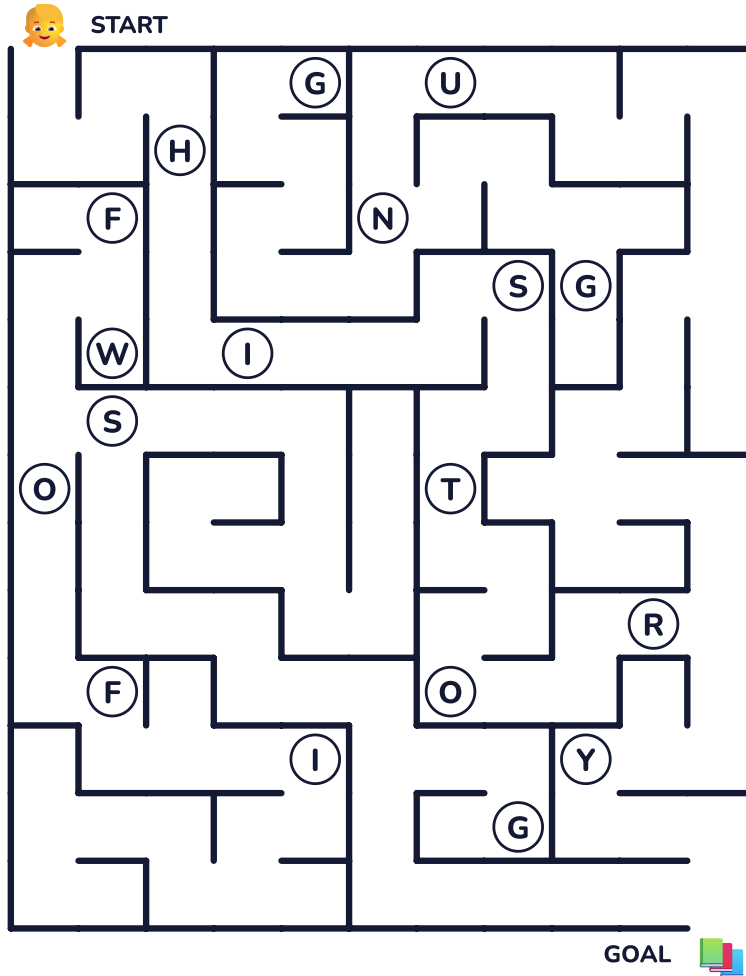


Maze & Sentences

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Help Jasmine get to the school library!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. Woodson / Week / started / History / Negro / in / 1926 .

2. February / Lincoln / was / born / on / 12 .

3. students / not / week / for / was / the / enough / One .

4. famous / up / as / dress / Black / Americans / Students .

5. October / is / it / In / UK, / the / in .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has a birthday in February	
... knows who Abraham Lincoln was	
... likes peanuts	
... has been to a history museum	
... can name a famous Black American	
... has read a biography	
... has dressed up as a famous person	
... likes jazz or hip-hop music	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My history hero is _____ because _____.

If I were in a living wax museum, I would be _____. I would say, "_____."

Black History Month is important because _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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calendar



book



bus



cake

