Black History Month: Fact of the Day
In honor of Black History Month, I am going to learn an interesting fact.

Celebration of Black History Month began in 1926 by Carter Godwin Woodson as Negro History Week. The month of February was chosen in honor of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both born in February.

Frederick Douglass: abolitionist, activist, and orator.
Fact of the Day

Bessie Coleman (1892-1926) was the first licensed African American pilot in the world.
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Matthew Henson (1865-1955) was a part of the first successful U.S. expedition to the North Pole in 1909.
Fact of the Day

Madame C.J. Walker (born Sarah Breedlove) invented specialized hair products for African American hair and became the first American woman to become a millionaire.
Fact of the Day

Henry ("Hank") Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record when he hit his 715th home run in 1974. He set a Major League record with 755 home runs in his career.
Fact of the Day

Charles Henry Turner (1867-1923),
He was a zoologist and educator known for being the first person to discover that insects can hear.
Fact of the Day

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American pilots in the U.S. armed forces. The Tuskegee Airmen are depicted in the G.I. Joe action figure series and the movie "Red Tail"
Fact of the Day

Charley Pride is one of the most successful African American country singers of all time, with a career spanning over 40 years and 36 number one hits. He is also the first African American to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2000. Pride was a baseball player with the Negro League and the Memphis Red Sox before becoming a successful musician.
Fact of the Day

Debi Thomas, a talented figure skater, is the first African American to win a medal (bronze) at the Winter Olympic games in 1988.
Fact of the Day

An American inventor, George T. Sampson of Dayton, Ohio, came up with a better ventilating dryer. It had a rack and used heat from a stove, rather than an open flame. He was granted a patent for his invention in on June 7, 1892.
Fact of the Day

In 2002 Vonetta Flowers became the first African-American to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in bobsledding.
Fact of the Day

Joseph Winters invented a fire escape ladder in 1880.
Fact of the Day

Katherine Johnson was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the early and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.
Fact of the Day

Lonnie G. Johnson, an engineer who performed spacecraft systems design for NASA, invented the Super Soaker water gun. It became the number one selling toy in America in 1991.
Fact of the Day

Track and Field star, Jesse Owens, broke many records at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, including becoming the first athlete to win four gold medals in one Olympic Games.
Fact of the Day

Maya Angelou was a civil rights activist, poet and award-winning author known for her acclaim 1969 memoir, 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,' and her numerous poetry and essay collections.

If you're always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be.

- Maya Angelou
Wilma Rudolph, a record-breaking track star, was the 20th of 22 children, and she got the disease polio as a child. She not only overcame polio but broke world records in Olympic track events and was the first American woman to win three gold medals at the Olympics in 1960.
Thurgood Marshall (July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993) was an American lawyer and civil rights activist who served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from October 1967 until October 1991. Marshall was the Court's first African American justice.
James Mercer Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967) was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. He was one of the most important writers and thinkers of the Harlem Renaissance, which was the African American artistic movement in the 1920s that celebrated black art and culture. ...
Fact of the Day

Booker T. Washington (1856–1915) was born into slavery and rose to become a leading African American intellectual of the 19 century, founding Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (Now Tuskegee University) in 1881 and the National Negro Business League two decades later.
Fact of the Day

Muhammad Ali born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. January 17, 1942 – June 3, 2016) He was an American professional boxer, activist, entertainer and philanthropist. Nicknamed The Greatest, he is widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated figures of the 20th century, as well as one of the greatest boxers of all time.
Fact of the Day

Known as one of the founding fathers of jazz, Louis Armstrong revolutionized the genre with the work that came out of the Harlem Renaissance.
Fact of the Day

Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and politician. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, using the network of antislavery activists and houses known as the Underground Railroad. During the Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the Union Army. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the women's suffrage movement.
Fact of the Day

Daniel Hale Williams pursued a pioneering career in medicine. An African American doctor, in 1893, Williams opened Provident Hospital, the first medical facility to have an interracial staff. He was also one of the first physicians to successfully complete pericardial surgery on a patient. Williams later became surgeon of the Freedmen's Hospital.
Mae C. Jemison is an American astronaut and physician who, on June 4, 1987, became the first African American woman to be admitted into NASA’s astronaut training program. On September 12, Jemison finally flew into space with other astronauts aboard the Endeavour mission STS47, becoming the first African American woman in space.
Fact of the Day

A dominant high school basketball Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was recruited to at UCLA and led the Bruins to three national titles. His dominance continued in the NBA, first for the Milwaukee Bucks and later the Los Angeles Lakers. Abdul-Jabbar won six titles and six MVP awards, and finished as the league's all-time scorer. He retired in 1989 and is widely considered one of the greatest players in NBA history.
Fact of the Day

A gifted singer and pianist, Aretha Franklin toured with her father's tran revival show and later visited New York where she signed with Columbia Records. Franklin went on to release several singles, many of which are now considered classics. In 1987 she became the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2008 she won her 18th Grammy Award, making her one of the most honored artists in Grammy history.
Fact of the Day

Wally Amos “Famous Amos” created Famous chocolate chip cookies. He founded his company in 1975 with a recipe from his aunt.