



NOVEMBER

This Month in Black History

Fact Sheet

- November 1 First issue of *Ebony* magazine published by John H. Johnson, 1945.
W. E. B. Du Bois began publication of NAACP monthly magazine *Crisis*, 1910.
- November 3 J. H. Hunter patented the portable weighing scales, 1896.
- November 4 Barack Obama defeated Senator John McCain and became the first African American elected to be the president of the United States of America, 2008.
T. Elkins patented the refrigerating apparatus, 1879.
- November 5 George Brown became first black lieutenant governor in U.S. (Colorado), 1974.
Shirley Chisholm became first black woman elected to Congress, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, 1968.
Theo Wright became first black to obtain theology degree in U.S., 1836.
Negro History Week initiated by Carter G. Woodson, 1926.
- November 7 L. Douglas Wilder became first black governor in the U.S. (Virginia), 1989.
- November 8 Edward W. Brooke elected first black U.S. senator in 85 years (R-Mass.), 1966.
- November 9 Benjamin Banneker, inventor, mathematician, astronomer, and one of the planners of Federal City (now Washington, D.C.) was born, 1731.
Medical School at Howard University opened with eight students, 1868.
- November 10 Granville T. Woods patented the electric railway, 1891.
- November 11 D. McCree patented the portable fire escape, 1890.
Hanging of Nat Turner, leader of the Southampton, Virginia, slave revolt, 1831.
- November 13 Janet Collins, ballerina, first black dancer to appear with the Metropolitan Opera (in Verdi's *Aida*), 1951.
Black Renaissance begins in Harlem, New York, 1922.
- November 14 Booker T. Washington died (1856–1915).
- November 15 Inventor Granville T. Woods patented his Synchronous Multiplier Railway Telegraph, 1887.
- November 18 Ku Klux Klan member convicted church bombing that killed four young black girls in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963.
- November 20 Garrett Morgan invented and patented the traffic signal, 1923.
Howard University founded in Washington, D.C., 1865.

- November 21 Shaw University founded in Raleigh, North Carolina, 1865.
- November 22 Black Muslim movement initiated in Detroit, 1930.
- November 23 Andrew J. Beard invented the “jerry coupler,” still used today to connect railroad cars, 1897.
- November 25 Segregation in buses and terminals banned by Interstate Commerce Commission, 1955.
- November 26 National Negro Medical Association founded, 1895.
Sojourner Truth died, 1883.
- November 28 Richard Wright, novelist and author of Native Son, died (1908–1960).
- November 29 Thurgood Marshall, first black Supreme Court judge, was born, 1908.