



NOVEMBER

This Month in Black History Fact Sheet

- November 1 The first issue of Ebony magazine was published by John H. Johnson in 1945.
- W.E.B. DuBois began publication of NAACP monthly magazine "Crisis" in 1910.
- November 3 J.H. Hunter patented the portable weighing scales in 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 in 2008.
- T. Elkins patented the refrigerating apparatus in 1879.
- November 5 George Brown became the first Black Lieutenant Governor in the United States (Colorado) in 1974.
- Shirley Chisholm became first Black woman elected to Congress, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NY in 1968.
- Theo Wright becomes the first Black to obtain a Theology Degree in the United States in 1836.
- Negro History Week was initiated by Carter G. Woodson in 1926.
- November 7 L. Douglas Wilder became the first Black Governor in the U.S. (Virginia) in 1989.
- November 8 Edward W. Brooke was elected the first Black U.S. Senator in 1966.
- November 9 Benjamin Banneker, inventor, mathematician, astronomer, and one of the planners of Federal City (now Washington D.C.) was born in 1731
- The medical school at Howard University opened with eight students in 1868.
- November 10 Granville T. Woods patented the electric railway in 1891.
- November 11 D. McCree patented the portable fire escape in 1890.
- The hanging of Nat Turner, leader of the Southampton, Virginia Slave Revolt, happened in 1831.
- November 13 Janet Collins, a ballerina, was the first Black dancer to appear with the Metropolitan Opera Company (in Verdi's Aida) in 1951.
- The Black Renaissance begins in Harlem, NY in 1922.

November 14	Booker T. Washington died in 1915.
November 15	Inventor Granville T. Woods patented his Synchronous Multiplier Railway Telegraph in 1887.
November 18	A Klu Klux Klan member was convicted of the 1963 church bombing that killed four young Black girls in Birmingham, Alabama.
November 20	Garrett Morgan invented and patented the traffic signal in 1923. Howard University founded in Washington DC in 1865.
November 21	Shaw University was founded in Raleigh NC in 1865.
November 22	The Black Muslim movement was initiated in Detroit in 1930.
November 23	Andrew J. Beard invented the "jerry coupler," in 1897. It still used today to connect railroad cars.
November 25	Segregation in buses and terminals was banned by Interstate Commerce Commission in 1955.
November 26	The National Negro Medical Association was founded in 1895. Sojourner Truth dies in 1883.
November 28	Richard Wright, novelist and author of <i>Native Son</i> , died in 1960.
November 29	The biography of Thurgood Marshall, the first Black Supreme Court Judge, was released on DVD in 2005.