



# Black History Month

*“Preserving the Past, Steadfast in the Present  
&  
Optimistic for the Future”*

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Link Community Charter School

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# Morning Circle

**Lift Every Voice and Sing.....** 105 Voices of History National HBCU Concert Choir ([HBCU Choir](#))

**The Significance of Lift Every Voice and Sing.....**Ms. Covington, Vice Principal

**Why We Celebrate Black History Month.....**Ms. Covington, Vice Principal

**Poem.....**And Still I Rise Written By: Maya Angelou/Recited by: Ms. Boxtton

**Closing Remarks.....** Ms. Covington, Ms. Hester & Ms. Paradiso


# The Significance of Lift Every Voice and Sing

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”, otherwise known as the Black National Anthem, was first performed in 1900, at a segregated school in Jacksonville, Florida, by a group of 500 children celebrating the anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” was written at a crucial time in American history, when Jim Crow was replacing slavery, and African-Americans were searching for an identity of their own. Author and activist James Weldon Johnson (member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.) wrote the words as a poem, which his brother John R. Johnson then set to music. In 1905, Booker T. Washington endorsed it, and in 1919, it became the official song of the NAACP. (The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

The reach of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” continues to expand around the world. When Beyoncé sang it at Coachella in 2019, she knew the majority of her audience didn’t know the history; however, she understood the feeling it gave them.

Today, we recognize it because of its rich musical melody, and because of the rich and powerful message it offers to Black and brown students around the world.



Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role they have played in U.S. history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. Few could have imagined African Americans' future contributions to music, art, and literature that would be recognized by the global community.

Credit for the evolving awareness of the true place of African Americans in history can, in large part, be attributed to one man: Carter G. Woodson, (founding member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. ) In 1915, he established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.



Woodson wanted to change the world's perception of African Americans and recognize their contributions to American society and culture.

# 1915

**And Still I Rise.....**



**World Famous Poet & Pioneering woman of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**



*“Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.”*

—Wilma Rudolph,  
U.S. track and field athlete

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# Closing Remarks