# Black History Month

**Grade Level:** 5

## Overview

In observance of Black History Month, students will research the lives of African Americans who have made special contributions to American life and society. The students will write a short biography highlighting the person's contribution. In addition, the students will create a Flypaper presentation consisting of different images and details of the person and their life.

## Objective

The students will:

- Recognize contributions made by African Americans to American life and society.
- Defend ideas and assertions with factual research.
- Write a well-organized description of African Americans contributions to American life and society.
- Create a Flypaper presentation honoring African Americans and their contributions.

## Standards

This project will allow students to:

- Research information
- Present information
- Use technology to help present information
- Introductory videotape and other resources as an overview of the African American experience in U.S. history.
- Access to encyclopedias, reference books and other informational materials relating to African Americans.
- Flypaper program.

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[http://www.lessonplanspage.com/SSLABlackHistoryMonth59.html](http://www.lessonplanspage.com/SSLABlackHistoryMonth59.html)
### Social Studies Lesson Plan

**Procedures**

1. Brainstorm African Americans and their specific contributions to American life and society.
2. Pass out list of African American Leaders.
3. Students choose one to research.
4. Tell students they are researching to answer the question, "What contribution did you make to American life and society?"
5. Once the students have discovered the answer to the question, a brief description of their contribution is to be written.
6. After the description is completed, students are to create a Flypaper presentation.
7. Upon completion, the student will present their Flypaper presentation to the class.

**Evaluation**

The students knowledge on this subject will be tested by:

A rubric based upon lesson concepts to assess students’ completed work and the quality of the Flypaper presentation.