

# WHAT DOES BLACK HISTORY MONTH ? MEAN TO YOU ?

**B**LACK HISTORY MONTH ANNUALLY celebrates the achievements by African-Americans. It is also a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in United States history. According to [history.com](http://history.com), the month grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African-Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Below, Elon University students wrote what Black History Month means to them:

