

Black History Month 2022 (CAN)



CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

Celebrate Black History Month! Learn about the ways Black Canadians have shaped Canada's history and identity through activism, storytelling, and art. For further reading, check out book recommendations honoring the Black experience. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long.

CHALLENGE STRUCTURE

- 1 Registration Badge**
- 1 Completion Badge**
- 10 Minutes Logging Badges**
- 5 Activity Badges**

ACTIVITY BADGES

Activity Badge Title:

Understanding History

Badge Description

Enslavement existed in Canada for over 200 years. It was abolished in 1834 and its legacy affects Black Canadians today. Learn more about the history of enslavement in Canada below and reflect on the importance of sharing and understanding history.

Activities

- Read the article below for an in-depth history of enslavement in Canada.
 - [Black Enslavement in Canada](#)
- Why is it important to study history? **(text box)**
- What are some ways that we can document and pass down history? **(text box)**

Activity Badge Title:

Origin of Black History Month

Badge Description

Jean Augustine was the first Black woman elected to the House of Commons in 1993. She helped to establish Black History Month, which was first celebrated in Canada in February 1996.

Activities

- Read more about Jean Augustine's life and legacy here.
 - [Jean Augustine](#)
- What are three things you learned while reading? **(text box)**

Activity Badge Title:

Freedom Fighters

Badge Description

Learn about Black women who fought for equality and human rights in Canada.

Activities

- Read about the lives of Marie-Joseph Angélique, Chloe Cooley, Harriet Tubman, Mary Ann Shadd, Viola Desmond, and Rosemary Brown.
 - [Black Female Freedom Fighters](#)
- Whose story resonated with you the most? What did you learn? **(text box)**

Activity Badge Title:

Capital of Jazz

Badge Description

During the 1920s, Montréal became a hub for jazz music. Today, the city holds the world's largest jazz festival. Learn more about famous Black Canadian musicians below.

Activities

- Oscar Peterson, Daisy Peterson Sweeney, and Joe Sealy were famous jazz musicians in Montréal. Choose a musician below and read more about their story.
 - [Oscar Peterson](#)
 - [Daisy Peterson Sweeney](#)
 - [Joe Sealy](#)
- Who did you choose to learn about? Write three of your favorite things about their story. **(text box)**
- How does music shape our past, present, and future? **(text box)**

Activity Badge Title:

Book Recommendations

Badge Description

Here you'll find book recommendations celebrating and honoring the Black experience in Canada through history, poetry, and the arts. Find your age group and choose your next read below.

Activities

0-6 years old

- "Meet Willie O'Ree" by Elizabeth MacLeod
- "I Am Every Good Thing" by Derrick Barnes
- "I Promise" written by Catherine Hernandez and illustrated by Syrus Marcus Ware
- "Where Are You, Agnes?" written by Tessa McWatt and illustrated by Zuzanna Celej
- "My Hair" by Danielle Murrell Cox
- "My Soca Birthday Party" by Yolanda T. Marshall

- “Idia of the Benin Kingdom” by Ekiuwa Aire
- “Dear Black Girls” by Shanice Nicole
- “Boonoonoonous Hair!” by Oliver Senior
- “Africville” by Shauntay Grant

7-12 years old

- “Meet Viola Desmond” by Elizabeth MacLeod
- “Martin Rising: Requiem for a King” by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- “She Persisted: Harriet Tubman” by Andrea Davis Pinkney and Chelsea Clinton
- “Hockey Night in Kenya” by Danson Mutinda and Eric Walters
- “Black Women Who Dared” by Naomi M. Moyer
- “Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budgeted!” by Jody Warner
- “The Pot of Wisdom: Ananse Stories” by Adwoa Badoe
- “The Kids Book of Black Canadian History” by Rosemary Sadlier
- “Elijah of Buxton” by Christopher Paul Curtis
- “Talking About Freedom: Celebrating Emancipation Day in Canada” by Natasha Henry

13-18 years old

- “The Greatest: Muhammad Ali” by Walter Dean Myers
- “Facing the Sun” by Janice Lynn Mather
- “Charming as a Verb” by Ben Philippe
- “From the Roots Up: Surviving the City Vol. 2” by Tasha Spillett-Sumner
- “The Field Guide to the North American Teenager” by Ben Philippe
- “A Big Dose of Lucky” by Marthe Jocelyn
- “Chasing Freedom” by Gloria Ann Wesley
- “This Book Betrays My Brother” by Kagiso Lesego Molope
- “Legacy of Light” by Sarah Raughley
- “When Morning Comes” by Arushi Raina

18+ years old

- “Gutter Child” by Jael Richardson
- “Go Do Some Great Thing: The Black Pioneers of British Columbia” by Crawford Kilian
- “The Night Piece” by André Alexis
- “Willie” by Willie O’Ree with Michael McKinley
- “Saga Boy” by Antonio Michael Downing
- “eat salt / gaze at the ocean” by Junie Désil
- “Black Matters” by Afua Cooper & Wilfried Rausert

- “Burning Sugar” by Cicely Belle Blain
- “Word Problems” by Ian Williams
- “The Response of Weeds” by Bertrand Bickersteth