

306: African American History Timeline Project

Overview

After completing 306: African American History, students will have learned about key historical figures and events spanning from the Transatlantic Slave Trade to Mae Jemison's space flight in 1992. In this extension activity, students will get the chance to extend the timeline of Black History from the 1990s to the present.

Part 1

Students will create a timeline with 12 major moments in modern Black History that have occurred from 1992 to the present, and identify a key Black figure associated with that moment. As a guide, students can select a category within Black History such as political activism, literature, finance, science, sports or the arts. Students will write 2-3 sentences for each historical moment and figure, describing the influence and impact on the Black community.

Part 2

Students will write a paragraph comparing and contrasting the historical events and key Black figures they learned about in 306: African American History with more recent events in Black History and the individuals involved.

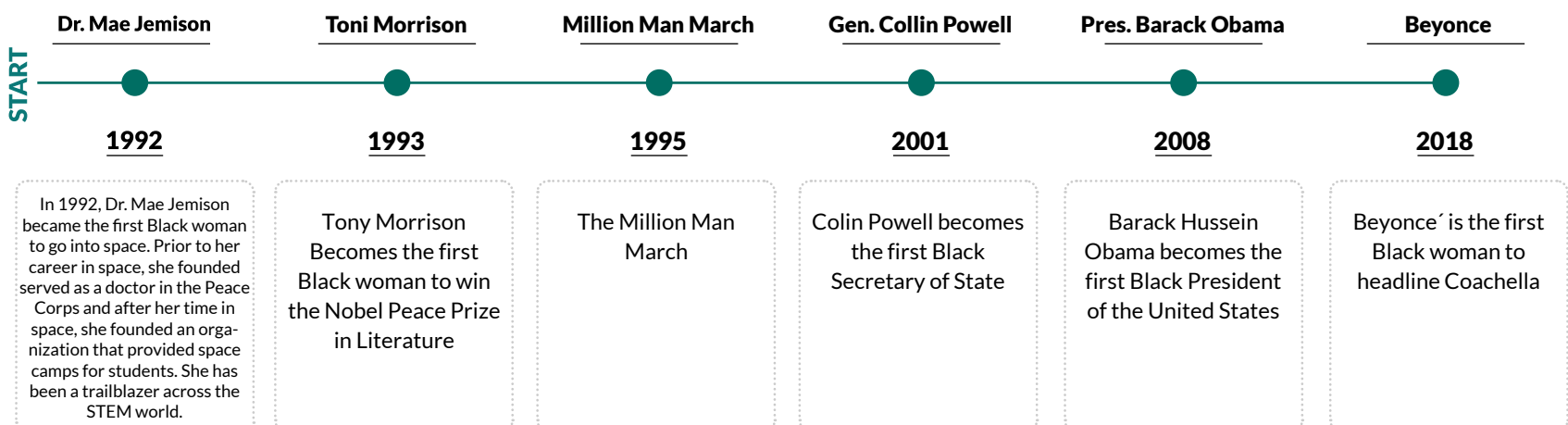
Learning Objectives:

- Students will identify 12 key moments in recent Black History and the contributions of specific individuals.
- Students will describe the contributions and importance of each historical moment and Black figure selected.
- Students will analyze the differences and similarities between historical and modern day figures.

Materials:

- Digital Timeline Student Worksheet (printed or shared electronically)
- EVERFI 306: African American History Course - Completed by students prior to Timeline Activity

Example



Essay Rubric

Criteria	4	3	2	1	0
Historical Moments	Identified 12 unique moments in modern Black History	Identified 10 unique moments in modern Black History	Identified 8 unique moments in modern Black History	Identified 6 unique moments in modern Black History	Identified 5 or less unique moments in Black History
Historical Figures	Correctly matched all historical events to a key Black figure	Correctly matched most historical events to a key Black figure	Correctly matched some historical events to key Black figure	Black figures do not match historical events	No key figures matched with historical events
Sentences	Describes the importance and contributions of all historical moments and figures	Describes the importance and contributions of most historical moments and figures	Describes the importance and contributions of some historical moments and figure	Describes the importance and contributions of historical moments or figures, but not both	Importance and contributions of historical moments and figures are not described
Analysis	Exceptionally identifies links between modern and historical Black figures	Adequately identifies links between modern and historical Black figures	Sufficiently identifies links between modern and historical Black figures	Poorly identifies links between modern and historical Black figures	Does not identify links between modern and historical Black figures
Examples	Mae Jemison's Entry on example timeline - describes event, individual and significance	Toni Morrison's Entry on example timeline - describes event, and individual but not the significance	Million Man March Entry on example timeline - Lists event with no description, key figure or explanation of significance	Michael Jordan and Miami Heat Win 2013 NBA Championship - Entry identifies an event but links to an incorrect public figure	Beyoncé Releases Lemonade - Entry states a fact but isn't necessarily historically significant or provide any reasoning for being included

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The timeline in *306: African American History* ends with Mae Jemison, the first African American woman who traveled to space in September 1992. We know that Black history is vast, enduring, and bountiful, stretching forward from Mae Jemison's accomplishments into the present.

Part 1

Today you will create a timeline from 1992 to the present documenting 12 key events in recent Black history. You will also identify a key Black figure who was part of the event. Consider using a lens that is interesting to you, e.g. Black history in politics, activism, literature, finance, science, sports or the arts. Starting with Mae Jemison, write 2-3 sentences for each timeline event, describing the event and how each key figure played a role impacting American society.

Dr. Mae Jemison

START

1992

In 1992, Dr. Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to go into space. Prior to her career in space, she founded served as a doctor in the Peace Corps and after her time in space, she founded an organization that provided space camps for students. She has been a trailblazer across the STEM world.

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[Cal Berkeley - African American History from 1970 to Present](#)

[The Office of the Historian](#)

[Black History Milestones: Timeline](#)

[Black History in National Archives](#)

[The Most Searched: A Celebration of Black History Makers](#)

[The History of Hip-Hop](#)

[NMAAHC Digital Resources Guide](#)

[African American Athletes](#)

[Exhibits and Collections: African American History Month](#)

Part 2

Write one paragraph comparing the historical figures and events that you learned about in *306: African American History* to the modern figures and events you identified in your timeline. What were the different successes and challenges? How are these people and events similar? How are they different?