





Carter G. Woodson, the son of enslaved parents received two degrees from the University of Chicago and a PhD from Harvard. More than 100 years ago, in 1915, he founded the **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History**.

Mr. Woodson loved and collected African folktales and proverbs. He likely was motivated by this East African proverb, **“Until the lion starts writing down his story, the hunter will always be the hero.”**


He became the lion. Mr. Woodson started researching and writing down the stories of African Americans. Eleven years later, he founded **Negro History Week** which became **Black History Month**. Carter G. Woodson is considered the father of Black History Month.

In this program Linda Gorham explores the contributions of over 30 African American men and women over the past 100 years who were entrepreneurs, philanthropists, designers, authors, inventors, entertainers, actors, athletes, teachers, politicians, physicians, visionaries, educators, musicians, military heroes, civil rights activists, and more. She incorporates music, personal narrative, quotes, and interesting facts on important people who made phenomenal contributions to this country – often under difficult circumstances.

Entrepreneurs

Madam C.J. Walker	Oprah Winfrey
	
1867-1919	1954-



Civil Rights Activists

Ida B. Wells	Rosa Parks
	
1862-1931	1913-2005

Entertainers

Nat King Cole	Anthony Anderson
	
1919-1965	1970-

Athletes

Jackie Robinson	Ernie Banks
	
1919-1972	1931-2015

Linda Gorham believes “We are the lions. We must tell our stories!”



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