

# THE TABLET *jr.*

## Rights & Responsibilities: Black History Month

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Each month has a specific theme tied to Catholic social teaching. The themes of Catholic Social Teaching can be integrated into many subjects. This Instructional Guide is full of resources to help you connect the stories and features to your lesson plans.

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BESSIE COLEMAN



MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR.



MUHAMMAD ALI



ANGELA DAVIS

"MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EVERYONE AND TO BE HOLY; WITHOUT HOLINESS NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD"  
-HEBREWS 12:14



MADAM CJ  
WALKER



BOOKER T.  
WASHINGTON



SHIRLEY  
CHISLOM



FREDERICK  
DOUGLASS

## Soul Food's Impact on History and Cuisine



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: How has social climate affected the level of success achieved?

YouTube Video: [Feature: How Black Culture Helped Define American Cuisine](#)

**Video Description:** Explore how African American culture brought worth to American cuisine. Discover the names of people who brought over and invented material we still use today.

## Activities

→ [Freckle: Dinner Costumes Around the World](#)

- [Cultures, Food, and Communities Around the World](#) (Educator Resource Grades 3-5)
- [The PBS NewsHour: Feast of African-American Culinary Contributions, Baked into South's DNA](#)
- After watching and learning about all the different cultural foods complete the [Critical Thinking Web for Food Around the World](#)

## Additional Resources Continued

Reflection Questions can be presented in different ways depending on grade level and ability. Platforms that can be used are Padlet and Jamboard.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What roles do citizens play in their communities?
- 2) Is there such a thing as the "perfect" citizen? What would one look like?
- 3) How did important citizens change their communities?

## Additional Resources

- YouTube Read Aloud: The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woods (K-4)
  - ◆ DE Studio: Identity Grades 6-8
  - ◆ DE Studio: Identity Grades 3-5
- Scholastic StoryWorks: Can Kids Change the World? (3-8)
  - ◆ DE Studio: Action Grades 3-5
  - ◆ Community Mural (Educator Resource)
  - ◆ Freckle: Civil Rights Sit-ins
- Discovery Education Newsy: A Celebration of Black Art Shrines a Light on Museums' Promises
  - ◆ Read Along Pocket Chart Cards (K-2)

## What is Black History Month?



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: How have notable figures in history impacted social and political culture in regard to race equality?

Discovery Education Video: [Beautiful Shades of Brown](#)

**Video Description:** A true story of creativity and being true to one's self, written by Nancy Churnin and illustrated by Felicia Marshall. Growing up, Laura Wheeler Waring didn't see any artists who looked like her and she decides she wants to change that and paint the people she knows best. Today, Laura's artwork hangs in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. where everyone can admire the beautiful shades of brown she captured.

## Activities

- [DE Studio: Beautiful Shades of Brown](#)
- [Dr. Martin Luther King](#)
  - ◆ [Sadlier: I Have a Dream Annotation](#)
  - ◆ [Scholastic: What is Your Life's Blueprint?](#)
    - [Mud & Ink Activity](#): Reflect on how your catholic identity fits in to the blueprint of your life.
  - ◆ Compare & Contrast both of Dr. King's speeches in the [Double Bubble Map](#)

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### Reflection Questions:

- 1) What about these individuals and their childhood/family may have shaped their character/drives as adults?
- 2) What did they do that was profound during their time period?
- 3) How would these people react to today's society and what they stood for?

## Additional Resources

→ DE: Inventors Today: Patricia Bath & Lonnie Johnson (6-8)

- ◆ Before watching fill out the KWL Chart about these two inventors
- ◆ Research other Black Inventors who have gone unnoticed & create a presentation.

- List of African American Inventors

→ DE: Hattie McDaniel: America's First Black Oscar Winner

- ◆ Youtube: Young, Gifted And Black
- ◆ Create a Clips Video about other famous Black celebrities who have won awards over the years

→ Sesame Street: Let's Celebrate Black History Song (K-2)

- ◆ DE Studio: Courageous People Who Changed the World

## Jerry Lawson: The Unseen Wonder



Read the Tablet Jr. article as a class.

Essential Question: How did their early life shape their interests and career paths?

Discovery Education Video: [Sweet Dreams, Sarah](#)

Video Description: Follows the inspirational true story of Sarah E. Goode—entrepreneur, inventor, and one of the first African American women to be awarded a U.S. patent. After the abolition of slavery, Sarah moved to Chicago and opened a furniture shop where she soon realized her customers needed something brand new: a piece of furniture that was innovative and space saving.

## Activities

- [DE Studio: Sweet Dreams Sarah \(K-2\)](#)
  - ◆ [Sweet Dreams, Sarah](#) Activity Packet
- [PBS: Spoken Word Poet Desmond Spann](#)
  - ◆ [Catholic Spoken Word](#) Activity
- [Googles Behind the Doodle: Gerald “Jerry” Lawson](#)
  - ◆ Try your hand at the [Jerry Lawson Game](#) designed by his son.
  - ◆ After playing the game design your own game on paper like the game creators in the video. Then press the 🏠 and then the “+” button and bring your design to life.

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### Reflection Questions:

- 1) What impacts did their invention have on the world?
- 2) How were their inventions received at the time?
- 3) What barriers did they overcome?

## Additional Resources

- Research Venerable Pierre Toussaint
  - ◆ 10 fascinating facts about Pierre Toussaint
  - ◆ DE: Saints Alive
  - ◆ I Wonder Activity
  - ◆ Create a poster giving your vote to have Pierre Toussaint canonized
- Freckle: Toni Morrison
  - ◆ Who's Got Game? Poppy or the Snake? Activity (4-8)

## Sister Elizabeth

Together as a class, read the questions and answers from Sr. Elizabeth.



## Questions from kids like you!

How can we stop people from judging others before they get to know them? Samantha Valentine, Grade 6

- ◆ Learn about our Rights & Responsibilities in society & in our faith.
  - Create a poster documenting what our Rights & responsibilities are as both citizens & catholics.
    - Rights & Responsibilities (1-4)
    - Rights & Responsibilities (5-8)
    - Scripture readings
    - Venn-Diagram

What causes discrimination, and how can we prevent it from happening? Noel Fisher, Grade 5

- ◆ Learn about Saint Peter Claver & then complete the activity
  - All About Saint Peter Claver
  - What can the world learn from St. Peter Claver?



## Diocesan History Corner



St. Vincent de Paul Society

## Activities

→ After learning about some of the ways the Catholic Church serves those in need, write a plan for what your class can do to help others that may need a hand.

- ◆ Youtube: Saint Vincent De Paul
- ◆ NET TV: CCBQ Mobilizes to Help Migrants Bused in by Texas Governor
- ◆ The Tablet: Ss. Joachim & Anne Students Help Migrants Have a Bright Christmas

## Sadlier



Saint John Bosco

## Activities

Part of our Catholic faith is learning to live out our faith to the world. Our guidelines are called Catholic Social Teachings, a foundation for life that is rooted in Scripture.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus and living your life with love, peace, and justice can seem overwhelming. By focusing on one of the Catholic Social Teachings at a time, you will live more like Jesus each day.

- Research St. John Bosco
  - ◆ Read Matthew 25: 31-46
  - ◆ St. John Bosco Activity Packet (5-8)
  - ◆ St. John Bosco Activity Packet (2-4)
- Think back to Dr. Martin Luther King and what you have learned about St. John Bosco. What do the two have in common? How have both followed the word of God in their work?
  - ◆ St. John Bosco and the Making of the Catholic Man
  - ◆ Venn Diagram Activity