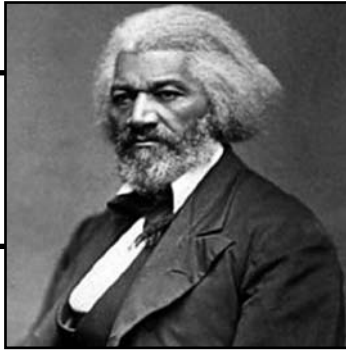




Black Legacy Our Past, Present and Future.



“Without struggle, there is no progress.”

PAST

Frederick Douglass

Born: February 14, 1818

Contribution: Human Civil Rights



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Frederick Douglass was an American abolitionist, editor, orator, author, statesman and reformer. Douglass was one of the most prominent figures of African American history during his time, and one of the most influential lecturers and authors in American history. Frederick Douglass, was born a slave in Talbot County, Maryland. Douglass escaped slavery on September 3, 1838 boarding a train to Havre de Grace, Maryland. Douglass was also an ordained minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as President of the Reconstruction-era Freedman's Savings Bank; as marshal of the District of Columbia; as minister-resident and consul-general to the Republic of Haiti (1889-1891); and as chargé d'affaires for Saint Domingue. **In 1872, he became the first African American to receive a nomination for Vice President of the United States**, having been nominated to be Victoria Woodhull's running mate on the Equal Rights Party ticket without his knowledge. One of his most well known quotes is “Without struggle, there is no progress.” Douglass' most well-known work is his autobiography, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, which was published in 1845. The book was an immediate bestseller within three years of its publication, it had been reprinted nine times with 11,000 copies circulating in the United States; it was also translated into the French and Dutch languages.



From Poverty to Neurosurgeon!

PRESENT

Dr. Ben Carson

Born: September 18, 1951

Contribution: Medicine



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Dr. Ben Carson was born in Detroit, Michigan where his childhood was filled with poverty. When Benjamin Carson was only eight, his parents divorced, and Mrs. Carson was left to raise Benjamin and his brother Curtis. She worked two to three jobs at a time to provide for them. He struggled with poor grades and a violent temper. After his mother, who only had a third-grade education, challenged him to strive for excellence, Ben rose from the bottom to the top of his class. After graduating with honors from high school, he earned his BS degree in Psychology from Yale University, and then his MD at the Medical School of the University of Michigan. Here his interest shifted from psychiatry to neurosurgery. At age 32, he became the hospital's Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery. **In 1987, Carson made medical history with an operation that successfully separated a pair of Siamese twins.** He is also a professor of neurosurgery, plastic surgery, oncology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as well as the Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Craniofacial Center. His work focuses on traumatic brain injuries; brain and spinal cord tumors; achondroplasia, etc. He travels globally to share his knowledge and philosophy with the hope of inspiring people of all ages and educational backgrounds to be, and do, their best!

What Will You Contribute To The Legacy?