



In 1909, a black man was on top of the world.

The man was Matthew Henson.

As a member of Admiral Peary's expedition, he planted the American flag at the North Pole on April 6th, 1909.

Henson is one of many black Americans to break new ground.

The second book published by a woman in America was written by a black woman, Phillis Wheatley, in 1773. She was commended by President Washington.

In 1893, at Provident Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful heart operation.

Seventeen years ago, Thurgood Marshall was appointed Justice to the Supreme Court by President Johnson.

Black History Month is a time to honor accomplished men and women of the past.

And a time to look ahead to many accomplishments in the future.

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