This Black History Month we aim to highlight the intersectionality of the African American identity. Spanning past Black History Month stories of African American people have been highlighted in other heritage month programs such as Women's History Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Pride Month, and Native American Heritage Month.

**GROUND LEVEL**

Though Egypt is part of the African continent, we recognize Egypt during Arab American Heritage Month which takes place in April. This is the Coffin of It-ib from the First Intermediate Period of Egyptian history (c.2181-2040 BC). In previous periods, only strong pharaohs had their tombs inscribed with significant instructions such as those seen here.

This coffin is decorated with the eyes of which Egyptian god?  

**MAIN LEVEL**

In the 2023 Pride Month Scavenger Hunt, we highlighted Ralph Kerwineo, a half-Native American, half-African American Transgender man whose story is located in *Native Truths*. Their information board describes how Kerwineo is an example of people living the way they want to live despite society’s disapproval.

Kerwineo was born into which Native American Community?

Through research done by Dr. Cynthia Schmidt, an ethnomusicologist and anthropologist, we recognize women in science as we do in Women's History Month in March. When traveling to Sierra Leone, Dr. Schmidt played a song to a group of Mende women who recognized it as a song to “bury our old people,” but which had not been used since the 1920’s.

What group of African Americans continued the tradition of singing this song in Georgia and South Carolina?

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