



Black History Month Scavenger Hunt

In 2026, we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Black History Month, first established in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson to recognize the achievements, histories, and lived experiences of people of African descent. Black History Month also invites us to explore the global African diaspora—the movement, resilience, and cultural continuity of African peoples across continents and generations. From ancient civilizations in Africa to African American communities in the United States, these histories are deeply interconnected and continue to shape our world today.

GROUND LEVEL



Egypt is located in northeastern Africa. 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



As physical anthropologist C. Montague Cobb noted in 1939, African Americans also descend from Native Americans. The [*Native Truths*](#) exhibition explores this shared kinship through stories of collaboration and community-building, including Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable, whose partnership and marriage with Kitihawa helped lay the foundation for the City of Chicago.

Which Native American nation was Kitihawa a member of? _____

MAIN LEVEL



[*Connecting Threads: Africa Fashion in Chicago*](#) celebrates how local Chicago designers draw upon their African heritage and global fashion traditions to create garments, jewelry, and textiles that reflect community, identity, and creative expression.

The walls of this exhibit feature symbols rooted in West African tradition that communicate ideas and values. What are these symbols called? _____