

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- 2022 Black History Month Theme, Activities, Competitions, and Instructional Resources

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers
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Meeting Date: n/a
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 2022_Black_History_Essay_Contest_Guidelines_(003).doc

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- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, is pleased to announce the 2022 Black History Month theme, competitions, essay contest and available instructional resources for elementary and secondary schools.
- Each February, Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, gives our diverse community additional opportunities to recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social, political, and economic contributions of African Americans. Additionally, Florida State Statutes 1003.42 requires the study of the history of African Americans.
- **2022 Black History Month Theme:**
 - **“Black Health and Wellness.”** Information on this year’s theme may be found at the website of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History at <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>
- **Black History Month Instructional Resources:**
 - The Department of Social Sciences has developed elementary and secondary instructional resource guides to support instruction during Black History Month. The guides include background information, lesson plans, Internet resources, and other activities to support the District’s character education core value for February (kindness).
 - The Department of Social Sciences has also prepared the attached Black History Month PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint may be utilized as part of the school-wide opening exercises or by individual classroom teachers.
 - The instructional resources, as well as the PowerPoint to support the 2021 Black History Month celebration are available in the Employee Portal under the “Curriculum Resources” tab. Click on “Special Commemorative Resources” to find these and other resources. In addition, all resources are also posted in Schoology.
- **Black History Month Activities/Competitions:**
 - **Department of Social Sciences K-12 Black History Essay Contest**
 - § Contest Deadline: Friday, February 11, 2022, 5 P.M. EST.
 - § Schools should submit their top two winning essays per grade band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) via email to Ms. Alayne Zeto, Administrative Assistant, Department of Social Sciences: azeto@dadeschools.net.
 - § See attachment for guidelines, essay prompts, award amounts, and submission instructions.
 - **African American Read-In** is scheduled for each week during the month of February 2022 on the following days:
 - § Tuesday, February 1, 2022;
 - § Monday, February 7, 2022;
 - § Monday, February 14, 2022;
 - § Tuesday, February 22, 2022; and
 - § Monday, February 28, 2022.

- § On these days, schools are encouraged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating Read-Ins.
- § To be counted as participants, simply select books, poems, speeches, or other literary works authored by African-Americans and report your results on the Host Report Card at: [Read In Chain](#)
- § The HOST REPORT CARDS are used to compute the number of participants each year and produce an annual report card for the event. With the submission of host report cards, names are added to the data base, giving tangible evidence of your role in making literacy a significant part of Black History Month. To be an official participant, YOU MUST SUBMIT A HOST REPORT CARD.
- § Complete the online African American Read-In Host Report Card on or before Friday, March 4, 2022.

o **NEW dates for the 2022 Theodore Gibson Oratorical Competition**

- § The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, in cooperation with Miami-Dade College North Campus, sponsors annually the Theodore Gibson Oratorical Competition.
- § The purpose of the Theodore Gibson Oratorical Competition is to provide students with the opportunity to discover and refine their research, writing and public speaking skills through a challenging competition.
- § **2022 Theodore Gibson Oratorical Virtual Teacher-Sponsor Training and/or Student Performance Workshop: Thursday, January 27, 2022.**
- § Register to attend sponsor training/student performance workshop at: [performanceworkshop](#)
- § Login information will be sent to all registrants prior to January 27, 2022.
- § Theodore Gibson Oratorical Student Registration.
- § Identify your top three students to represent your school; and
- § Click link to [register your student names](#) on or before Monday, January 31, 2022: [GIBSONSTUDENTREGISTRATION](#)
- § **Regionals Competition Dates and Locations (Two (2) dates and two (2) locations to choose from):**
 - **Elementary/Secondary Regionals:**
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Miami Dade College North Campus, Building A104 - 11380 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33167
Time: 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
 - OR**
 - **Elementary/Secondary Regionals:**
Friday, February 4, 2022
Miami Dade College Gibson Education Center - 3629 Grand Avenue Miami, FL 33133
Time: 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
- § **2022 Theodore Gibson Oratorical FINALS Competition:**
Thursday, February 24, 2022
Miami Dade North Campus, Lehman Theatre - Miami Dade College, North Campus – 11380 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33167
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- If you have any questions regarding the Black History Month instructional resources, please contact Mr. Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, at sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net or see contact information below.

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