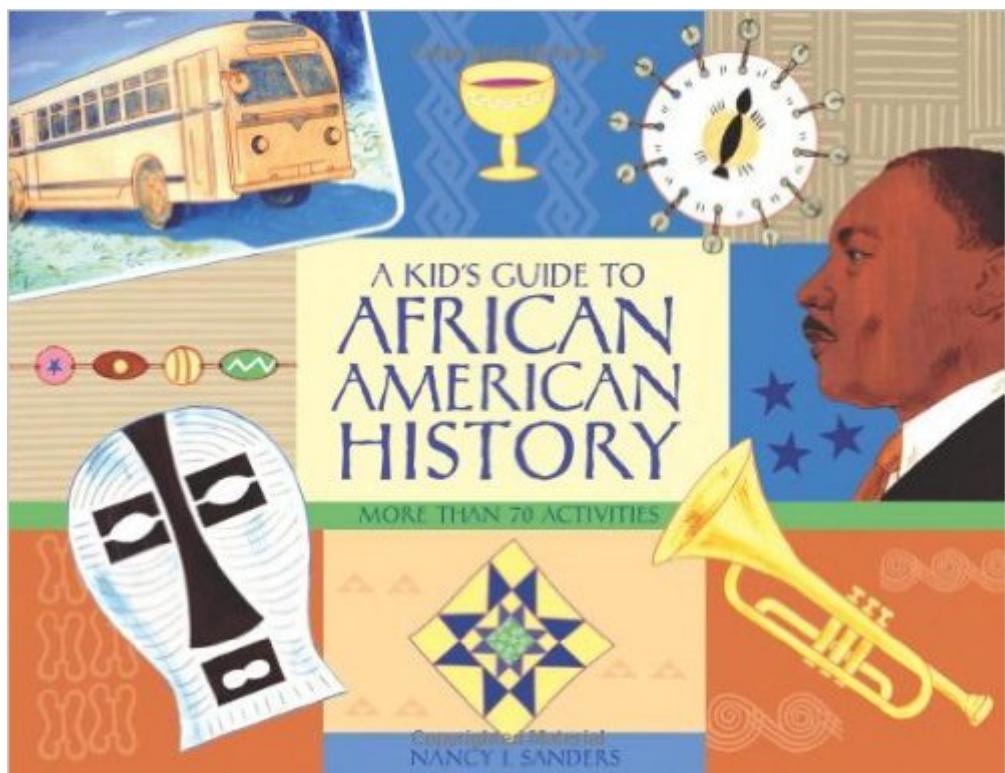


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# A Kid's Guide To African American History: More Than 70 Activities (A Kid's Guide Series)



## **Synopsis**

What do all these people have in common: the first man to die in the American Revolution, a onetime chief of the Crow Nation, the inventors of peanut butter and the portable X-ray machine, and the first person to make a wooden clock in this country? They were all great African Americans. For parents and teachers interested in fostering cultural awareness among children of all races, this book includes more than 70 hands-on activities, songs, and games that teach kids about the people, experiences, and events that shaped African American history. This expanded edition contains new material throughout, including additional information and biographies. Children will have fun designing an African mask, making a medallion like those worn by early abolitionists, playing the rhyming game "Juba," inventing Brer Rabbit riddles, and creating a unity cup for Kwanzaa. Along the way they will learn about inspiring African American artists, inventors, and heroes like Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Banneker, Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, and Louis Armstrong, to name a few.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The activities in this book are suitable for very little children, like in a preschool or kindergarten setting. The activities are mainly games/songs/musical instrument/rhythm/call-and-response types

of activities. The reason I don't recommend this for older school children or homeschool families is because of the disjointed nature of this book -- there is no basic flow to the information. It is just chunks of information in somewhat-chronological order. For example, you may read about the Forten family during the Revolutionary War and the Civil War period... but then in the section of the book on Abolitionists, you'll read the same information again. Continuity is missing -- the STORY of history is missing. Older children can not find enough information in here to work on projects or build on their ideas independently. I was looking for ideas to reinforce a unit on the Underground Railroad -- I found one project in the entire book: the "Am I Not a Man and A Brother?" Medallion. That's a project that works, although we like to use a little shoe polish at the end, in order to "age" the medallion. In order to use this book in a home learning or classroom learning environment, you will need \*another\* history text to provide the actual HISTORY, and then you can fill in with this book's blurbs and short biographies. I would recommend the series by Betsy and Giulio Maestro.

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