

# MARCH CALENDAR

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## MONDAY

Today is Mahashivaratri, an annual Hindu festival that celebrates Lord Shiva. Devotees observe day and night fasting and perform ritual worship of Shiva Lingam to appease ord Shiva. Learn more [HERE](#). 28

Today marks the 80th anniversary of the death of Lucy Parsons. Learn more about her life of activism [HERE](#). 7

March 13th marks the first day of Deaf History Month, which celebrates the contributions of deaf Americans and promotes awareness of deaf culture. learn more [HERE](#) and/or [HERE](#). 14

Today marks the 170th anniversary of the publication of Uncle Tom's Cabin, a novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Learn the story behind the novel [HERE](#). Learn more about Harriet Beecher Stowe [HERE](#). 21

## TUESDAY

March is Women's History Month, a celebration designed to highlight women's contributions to history, society, and culture. Learn more [HERE](#). 1

Today marks the 240th anniversary of the Gnadenhutten Massacre of Lenape. In 1782, nearly 100 starving Lenape were massacred and scalped by Pennsylvania militia. Learn more [HERE](#). 8

Today is the International Day Against Police Brutality. Check out this video from Emmanuel Acho's YouTube channel to learn more. Access it [HERE](#). 15

Today is World Water Day, an annual observance held to highlight water issues and to advocate for universal access to sustainable freshwater resources. Learn more [HERE](#). 22

## WEDNESDAY

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, a 40-day period of penitence and reflection in preparation for Easter for most Western Christians. Learn more [HERE](#). 2

Today marks the birth of Walter Mercado, a wildly popular Puerto Rican entertainer and TV astrologer. Watch the trailer for the 2020 Netflix documentary telling the story of Mercado's life [HERE](#). 9

Purim begins at sunset today. This Jewish holiday celebrates the defeat of a plot to exterminate Persian Jews. Hear Mayim Bialik tell the story of Purim [HERE](#). 16

Today marks the 90th anniversary of the Norris-LaGuardia Act, an act prohibiting labor organizing and "yellow dog contracts." Learn more about the American labor movement [HERE](#). 23

## THURSDAY

Today marks the 180th anniversary of the first US child labor law regulating working hours. Learn more [HERE](#). 3

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the first National Black Political Convention. Learn more by watching the trailer for Nationtime [HERE](#). 10

Today marks the birth of Bayard Rustin, an openly gay Black man who was a civil rights activist and one of the chief organizers of the 1963 March on Washington. Learn more about Rustin [HERE](#). 17

Today marks the 190th anniversary of the Treaty of Cusseta, signed by the Creek people to surrender 5.2 million acres of Indigenous land. Learn more about treaties and why they matter [HERE](#). 24

## FRIDAY

Today marks the 140th anniversary of Anti-Chinese Demonstration Day, a day focused on anti-Chinese sentiment in the lead up to the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act. Learn more [HERE](#). 4

DON'T FORGET that this weekend (March 13th) marks the start of Daylight Savings Time. Not every country or every state observes daylight savings time, but Maine does. Learn more [HERE](#). 11

NO SCHOOL 18  
Today is the first day of Holi, a 2-day Hindu festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. Learn more [HERE](#).

NO SCHOOL 25  
This year, [Carole Boston Weatherford](#) & [Floyd Cooper's Unspeakeable: The Tulsa Race Massacre](#) won the [Coretta Scott King award](#). Hear the illustrator talk about his family's connection to this story [HERE](#).

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<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Today marks the 50th anniversary of Barbara Jordan's election as President of the Texas Senate. She was the first Black woman to have power over a legislative body. Learn more <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Yesterday marked the 80th anniversary of the arrest of Minoru Yasui for breaking Japanese-American curfew, imposed by the US Government on Japanese Americans during WWII. Learn more <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Today marks the 220th anniversary of the Indian Intercourse Act of 1802. While that Act was supposed to protect Indigenous people and land, but that is not what happened. Learn more <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Today is Cesar Chavez day. Chavez was an American farmworker, labor leader, and civil rights activist. learn more <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>	