Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



National Capital Parks-East Washington, DC



Junior Ranger Activity Book

What's a Junior Ranger?

Junior rangers are very important to the National Park Service. They are young people, just like you, who help park rangers protect the national parks for future generations. A junior ranger learns about their national parks and helps educate others. Junior rangers also set a good example to other visitors and inspire others to learn about the national parks.

How to Become a Junior Ranger?

Complete at least seven activities in this junior ranger book. You may complete this junior ranger book at home or at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, which serves as the visitor center for the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site.



Once you have completed your activities, present your junior ranger book to a park ranger to receive your certificate and junior ranger badge. You can also mail your completed junior ranger book to:

> Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site 1318 Vermont Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20005

Did you know?

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved legislation to create the National Park Service. The National Park Service is a government organization under the U.S. Department of the Interior. The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect America's natural and cultural resources for future generations.

Have you ever visited a National Park? If so, you've probably seen this symbol:



As you have already learned, the National Park Service protects America's natural and cultural resources. By looking at the National Park Service arrowhead, can you guess what some of those resources are?

What About Woodson?

Fill in the blanks from the word bank to learn more about Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Word Bank: Philippines ASALH African American History coal miner Negro History Week Virginia Associated Publishers Inc. Berea College The Miseducation of the Negro Ph.D. Carter G. Woodson was born in New Canton, _____ in 1875 to 1. parents who were former slaves. As a young man, Woodson worked on a garbage truck and as a 2. In 1897, Woodson graduated from _____, in Kentucky. 3. From 1903 to 1907, Woodson travelled to the ______ as a 4. government-appointed teacher. 5. After earning a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Chicago, Woodson enrolled at Harvard University to earn his ______. 6. _____ was Dr. Woodson's first significant piece of writing, published in 1933. That same year, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro 7. Life and History. Today, his organization goes by the acronym The ______ was a book publishing company 8. Woodson ran out of his office home at 1538 9th St. in Washington, DC. Today, Dr. Woodson's home is a National Historic Site. Inaugurated in 1926, Woodson founded ______, known today 9. as Black History Month. Dr. Woodson dedicated his entire life to discovering, exposing, and promoting 10.

Loop-A-Word

Find the correct starting letter and read clockwise or counterclockwise to discover the secret name.

Dr. Woodson spent his life discovering and preserving African American history, sharing their stories with the world. Without Dr. Woodson's work, many famous African Americans may have faded into the past, without a trace. Can you re-discover these famous African Americans in the name loop below?

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Parlez-Vous (par-lay voo)?

Pronounce the words below in French, Spanish, and German.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson was fluent in French, Spanish, and German. He learned these languages through his travels, experiences, and studies. Do you know a different language? Give it a try!



Fun fact: Dr. Woodson learned Spanish from his time in the Philippines.

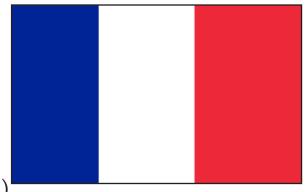
<u>Spanish</u>

"Hello" - Hola (oh-la) "Thank you" - Gracias (grah-si-ahs) "Please" - Por Favor (pore-fah-vore) "Goodbye" - Adios (ah-dee-ohs)

French

"Hello" - Bonjour (bohn-jour) "Thank you" - Merci (mehr-si) "Please" - S'il Vous Plait (see-vous-play) "Goodbye" - Au Revoir (oh-reh-vwah)





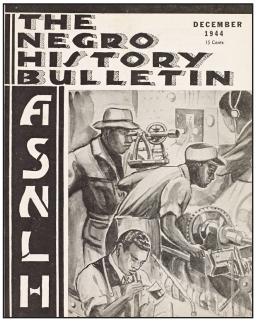
<u>German</u>

"Hello" - Guten Tag (goot-en-tahk) "Thank you" - Danke (dan-kah) "Please" - Bitte (bih-tuh) "Goodbye" - Auf Wiedersehen (auf-vee-der-zein)

What's Your Story?

Tell us about yourself!

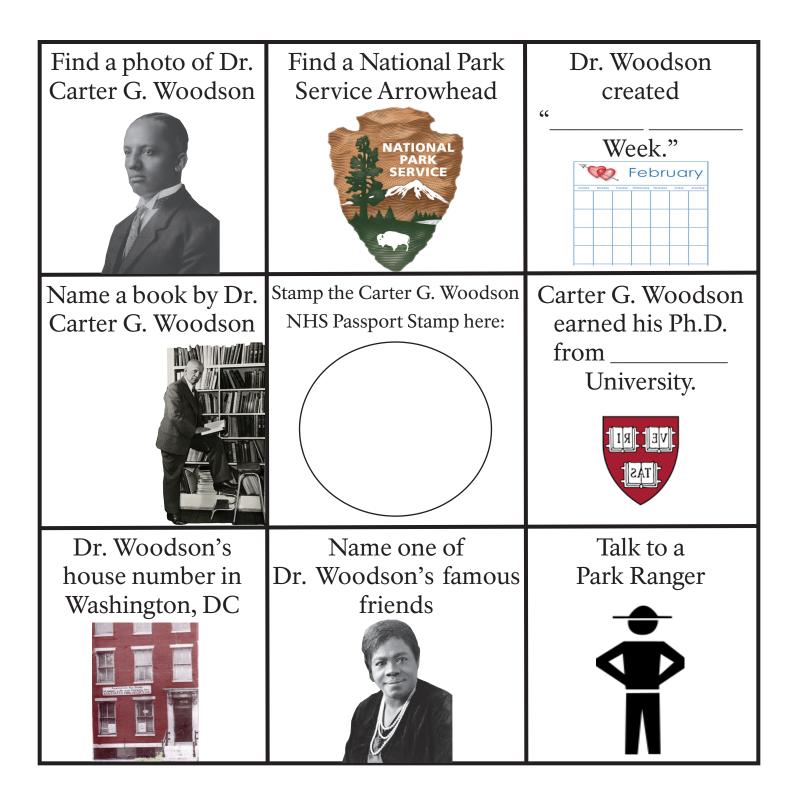
Carter G. Woodson collected the histories of many notable African Americans, but he never wrote a history about himself. If you were to write your own history, what would you include? You can talk about when and where you were born, interesting things about your family, activities you enjoy, or goals that you have in life. It's YOUR story. Tell us about it!



Fun fact: Dr. Woodson began publishing the "Negro History Bulletin" in 1937 to tell others about African American history.

Woodson Bingo

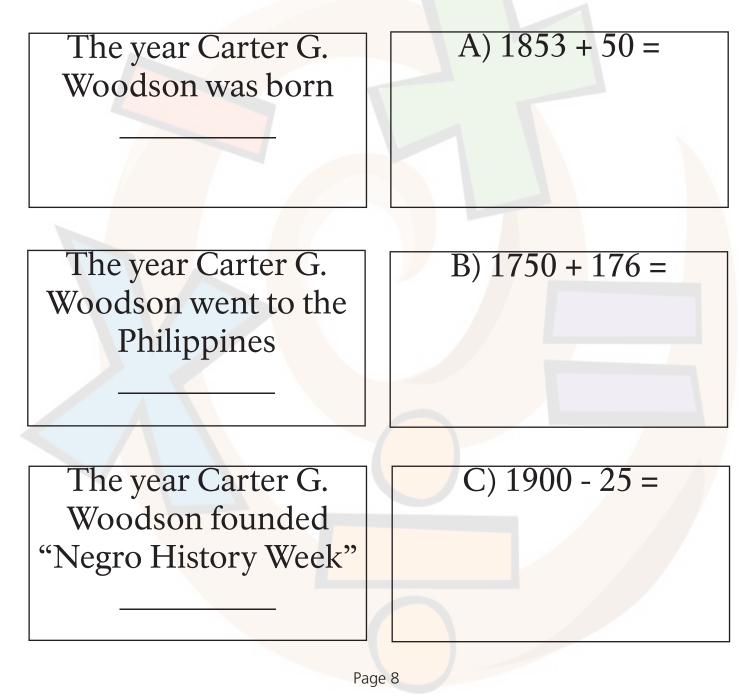
Answer the questions and complete the tasks. If you get three in a row, you win!



A Numbers Game

Use your arithmetic skills to match the event with the correct year.

Before Carter G. Woodson ever became a famous historian, he taught subjects like mathematics and English at schools such as M Street High School in Washington, DC. Dr. Woodson may have been a history nut, but he was also a math wizard! What about you?



The Artist's Corner

Draw what African American history means to you.

History isn't just expressed in books and lectures. History can be expressed by music, poetry, and art. Many famous paintings, like the murals in the U.S. Department of the Interior, depict scenes from American History. Take some artistic license and give us your historical perspective.

Where in the World is Woodson?

Draw a line to match the place with the event.

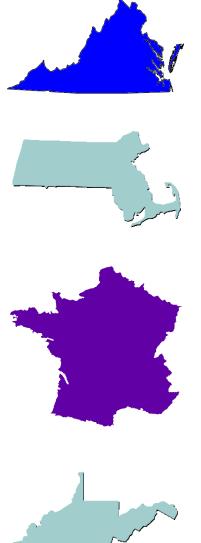
Country where Woodson studied European history at the Sorbonne

State where Woodson worked as a coal miner

Country where Woodson taught for the U.S. War Department

State where Woodson was born

State where Woodson attended Harvard





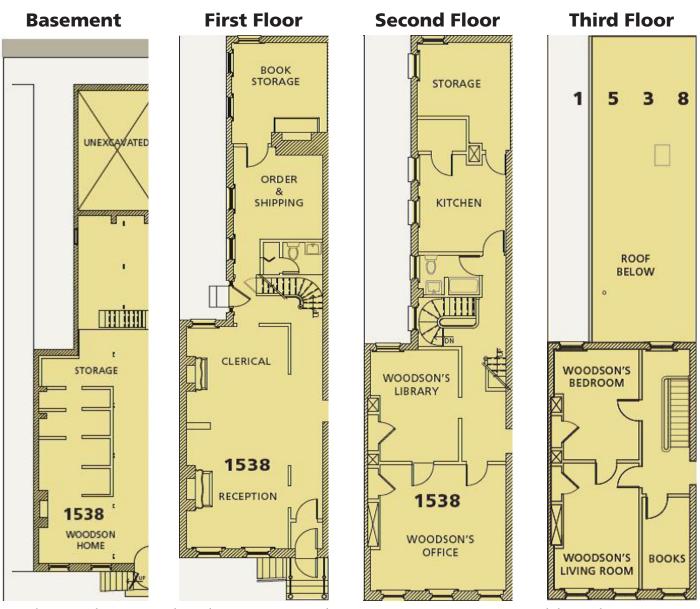
Word Search

Find the words below. Words can be forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal.

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Dr. Woodson's House

Use the floorplan of Woodson's house to help answer the questions.



Where do you think Dr. Woodson wrote essays and books?

Where did Dr. Woodson greet guests?

Where did Dr. Woodson store his publications?

Where did Dr. Woodson sleep?

Bon Voyage!

Circle your destination and then circle what you would bring on your trip.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson travelled all over the world. He went to France to study European history. He went to the Philippines to teach in remote villages. He also visited cities all across the USA. Pick a place you would like to visit. What would you pack?



Chicago, USA

Remote Village, Philippines

Paris, France



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