

# Black History Month Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

**1.** Taking a stand: What Tommie Smith and John Carlos famously raised at the 1968 Olympic Games

**3.** Name shared by officer and statesman Powell and stand-up former football player Kaepernick



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**7.** Manufacture of this commuter's essential drove many African-Americans to migrate to Detroit

**9.** Profound poem penned and performed by Maya Angelou for President Clinton's first inauguration: "On the \_\_\_\_\_ of Morning"

**10.** Islam's sacred city (or Howard University's nickname)

**11.** Tool Justice Thurgood Marshall used to achieve justice

**13.** Spelman's "older brother," it spawned such civil rights greats as Ralph Abernathy and Julian Bond

**17.** Southern state which many called home before moving to Chicago during the Great Migration (and the inspiration for Nina Simone's scathing song of 1964)

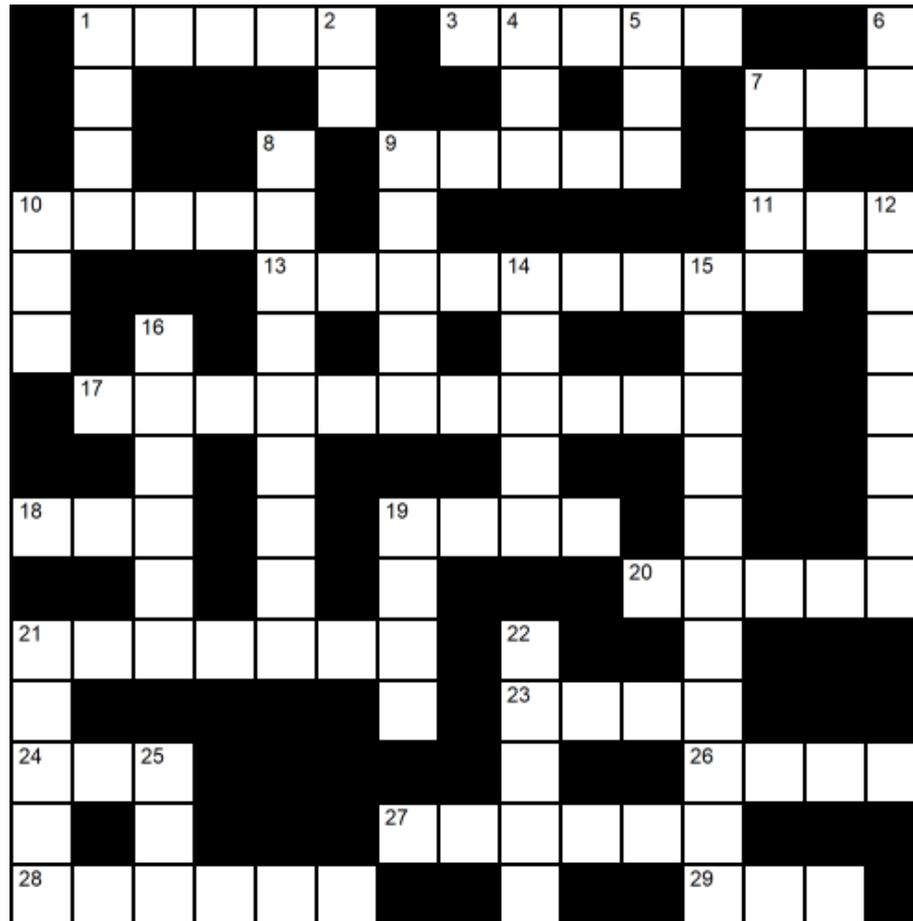
**18.** Wright-written novel about a young man's trials in the racially charged world of 1930's Chicago

**19.** Seafaring vessel insidiously leveraged to power the slave trade

**20.** Homeland from which President Obama's father hailed

**21.** Pop superstar whose "Lemonade" video featured a flavorful celebration of Gullah-Geechee culture

**23.** Due to slavery, much of the African-American past is chronicled through \_\_\_\_\_ history



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**24.** Historically Black beach enclave in the Hamptons that has long served as an elite refuge from racism: \_\_\_\_\_ Harbor



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**26.** Mahershala, Laila and the father of the latter

**27.** Legendary label formerly known as "Hitsville USA"

**28.** 'Tis the season for a family reunion (or disco diva Donna)

**29.** Unearth a yam or sweet potato (or '60s slang for "like" or "comprehend")

## DOWN

**1.** Djimon Hounsou's memorable cry in 1997's "Amistad": "Give us \_\_\_\_\_!"

**2.** Northernmost of the two Lowcountry states, known for its rice, indigo and the slave trade that supported it (abbr.)

**4.** Pump it up: Nigeria produces more of this than any other country in Africa

**5.** Place where Shani Davis feels the need for speed and has twice struck Olympic gold

**6.** Title fit for King (abbr.)

**7.** Unforgettable: Natalie, who through the magic of technology, sang a duet with her late father nearly 30 years after his passing

**8.** Virginia settlement where the first captured Africans arrived in

America in 1619

**9.** Author James Baldwin's northern migration took him all the way to this French capital

**10.** Obvious fact necessarily emblazoned on signs carried by civil rights protesters: "I am a \_\_\_\_\_"

**12.** With its stunning vistas, \_\_\_\_\_ is the proud, peace-loving and technologically progressive country featured in "Black Panther"

**14.** On the island of Hispaniola, it's the Dominican Republic's other half



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**15.** Rock on!: Nutbush, Tennessee-born Tina Turner, migrated to this European country and became its most famous celebrity

**16.** First name of the first African-American to win a Best Actor Oscar

**19.** Trendy acronym for the fields mastered by science whiz Neil deGrasse Tyson, tech titan Kimberly ("Black Girls Code") Bryant, aerospace engineer Guy Bluford and math maven Katherine Johnson

**21.** No fare: For several months in 1956, more than 30,000 determined African-Americans chose to walk past them in Montgomery

**22.** Groundbreaking 1978 mini-series that traced Alex Haley's family history

**25.** Location where Gabby Douglas logged countless hours

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