

# Explore Black History Patch Program



- **Daisies & Brownies** must earn at least 12 points (any 12) and do the final reflection
- **Juniors** must earn at least 20 points (any 20) and do the final reflection
- **Cadettes & Up** must earn at least 27 points (any 27) and do the final reflection

Each numbered question/activity is worth a point. Each ★ *Bonus* is an additional point.

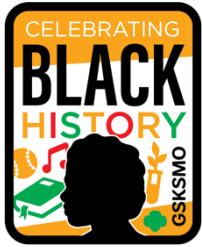
1. **Explore the digital gallery** at the Black Archives of Mid-America. - <https://blackarchives.org/gallery>  
★ *Bonus: Choose a photo that was surprising or had an impact on you. Think about why the photo was surprising or impactful for you.*
2. **Watch this video.** What did you learn about the Friends of Alvin Ailey Dance?  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwMhqpGJfLw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwMhqpGJfLw&feature=emb_logo)  
★ *Bonus: Create your own dance and perform it.*
3. **Virtually visit one of the stops on the Kansas African American Trail.** <https://www.tkaahistorytrail.org/>  
★ *Bonus: Visit one of these sites in person.*
4. **Learn about the Spirit of Freedom Fountain.** - <http://www.brucewatkinscenter.com/spirit-of-freedom-fountain>  
★ *Bonus: Think about why this fountain is important to our city.*  
★ *Bonus: Visit the fountain and take a picture with it.*
5. **How old was Langston Hughes when he published his first poem?** - <https://www.kshs.org/p/langston-hughes/19437>  
★ *Bonus: Read the poem Dreams by Langston Hughes. -*  
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/150995/dreams-5d767850da976>  
★ *Bonus: Write your own poem about a dream you have for a more friendly country or a better world.*
6. **Learn about George Washington Carver.** - <https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/george-washington-carver/12004>  
★ *Bonus: Make a snack or meal using peanuts, soybeans, or sweet potatoes.*  
★ *Bonus: Name some of the difficulties Carver overcame in his life and one of the things he did that you are grateful for (hint, hint your snack).*
7. **Go to the American Jazz Museum website** and complete any of the online activities.  
★ *Bonus: Visit the American Jazz Museum in person and explore the exhibits.*  
★ *Bonus: Find someone (friend, family member) to discuss the contributions people of color had on music. Share your favorite element of the Jazz Museum with them.*
8. **What instrument did Charlie Parker Play?** - <https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/charles-christopher-parker/12163>  
★ *Bonus: Listen to a sample of Charlie Parker's Music -*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ubmw5jvRvZU>  
★ *Bonus: Visit the Charlie Parker Memorial at 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine and take a picture with it.*
9. **What are the Quindaro Ruins?** - <http://kansatravel.org/kansascitykansas/quindaro.htm>  
★ *Bonus: Visit the Quindaro Ruins.*  
★ *Bonus: Learn about the underground railroad. <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Underground-Railroad/353882>*  
★ *Bonus: Think about how you might reach out and be a friend to someone who may feel unaccepted.*

10. **Why was Brown v. Board of Education such an important court case?**
  - ★ Bonus: Take a virtual tour of the Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site in Topeka - <https://poly.google.com/u/0/view/a9ZDaO2tre1>
  - ★ Bonus: Talk to someone about what you learned and why it's important that everyone be able to attend a good school.
11. **Learn about KC muralist Alexander Austin.** <https://cityunionmission.org/from-homeless-to-hometown-artist-alexander-austin/>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit Austin's online gallery. Choose your favorite mural and tell someone why it is your favorite - <https://www.alexanderaustinstudios.com/gallery/murals>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit his mural in downtown KC at Truman Road North & Main Street and see which famous Kansas Citizens you can identify.
12. **Learn about muralist JT Daniels.** <http://www.interurbanarthouse.org/jt-daniels-artist#:~:text=JT%20Daniels%20is%20a%20KC,first%20community%20based%20mural%20project.&text=While%20combining%20art%2C%20mentorship%20%26%20engagement,to%20share%20his%20artistic%20voice.>
  - ★ Bonus: Check out JT Daniel's virtual art gallery and the mural he created for 10,000 Villages. <https://www.jtdanielsart.com/>. How do you feel when you see his murals? What emotion does it invoke?
  - ★ Bonus: Visit one of his murals in person and take a picture with it.
13. **Watch this video** showing the creation of the Black Lives Matter murals in Kansas City. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbBaWAXbiN4>
  - Bonus: Visit one of the Black Lives Matter murals and draw or take a picture of your favorite part of the mural.
  - Bonus: Why is it important to say that Black Lives Matter?
14. **Read this article** about Lucile Bluford from the KC Public Library. What was the name of the paper where she was a long-time editor? <https://www.kclibrary.org/bluford/exhibit?>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit the Kansas City Public Library branch named after her.
  - ★ Bonus: Visit the website of the newspaper where she was the editor. - <https://kccallnews.com/>
  - ★ Bonus: Think about why her work was significant to the Black community.
15. **Learn about Mamie Hughes.** <https://www.kcur.org/show/up-to-date/2017-03-23/for-mamie-hughes-decades-of-hard-work-in-kansas-city-leads-to-positive-changes>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit the Jackson County Monument to Freedom, Justice, Courage and find her name on the plaque. <https://www.jacksongov.org/1068/Monument-Honorees>.
16. **Who was the father of KC BBQ?** - <https://www.kshb.com/lifestyle/tasteseek/black-history-month-remembering-barbecue-legend-henry-perry>
  - ★ Bonus: Arthur Bryant's and Gates BBQ both trace their roots to Perry. Get takeout from one of these KC icons.
17. **Virtually visit the African American Heritage Trail of Kansas City** and visit three "stops" on the trail (these must be different than those in other questions below). <https://aahtkc.org/>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit at least one site in person (that you did not visit as part of another question).
18. **What position did Buck O'Neil play?** For what Chicago baseball team did he work as a scout? - <https://nlbemuseum.com/history/players/oneil.html>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and share two things you learned with two people.
  - ★ Bonus: Who were the Kansas City Monarchs?
19. **What was the first black community west of the Mississippi River?** <https://www.nps.gov/articles/nicodemus.htm>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit this National Historic Site in person.
20. **Share with someone you know** a piece of history you learned by visiting the Black Archives Museum/St. Joseph Museum website. <https://www.stjosephmuseum.org/black-archives-museum>
  - ★ Bonus: Visit the museum in person.

## Final Reflection

Talk with someone about the most meaningful activity you did. What did you learn and how did it make you feel? What are you going to do differently because of what you learned?

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