

# 2020 Black History Month Word Scramble

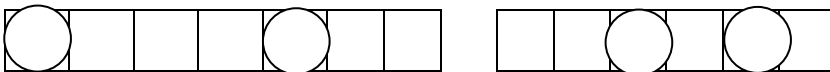
The year 2020 marks the centennial of the 19th Amendment—the culmination of the women’s suffrage movement. This year also marks the sesquicentennial of the 15th Amendment (1870) and the right of Black men to vote after the Civil War. The theme speaks to the ongoing struggle, on the part of both Black men and women, for the right to vote. Through voting rights campaigns and legal suits from the turn of the 20th century to the mid-1960s, African Americans made their voices heard. Black men and women have risen in power in both traditional and alternative political parties and elected to local and national office. And yet, the fight for Black voting rights and equal rights continues in the courts today.

This word scramble highlights Black women activists and advocates of children’s rights, civil rights, and women’s rights, who tirelessly worked for equality. When you are finished answering the clues, unscramble the circled letters to find the 2020 theme for Black History Month. (Answers at the bottom.)

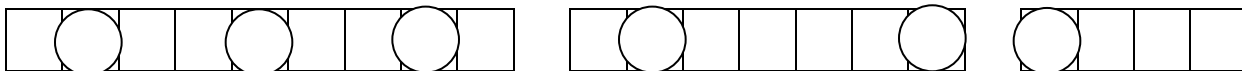


She was an American lawyer, educator and politician who was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement. See clue #1 to learn more! (Photo: U.S. Library of Congress)

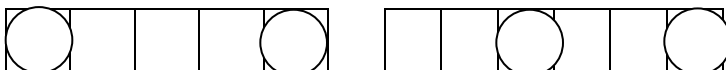
1. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas in 1972, she became the first African American congresswoman to be elected, and re-elected, from the deep South.



2. Marian Wright Edelman is an African American activist for children's rights, and an advocate for disadvantaged Americans, and president emerita and founder of this organization that provides a voice for all children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves.



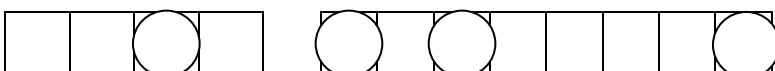
3. A civil rights and women’s rights activist, she was the first African American woman to be ordained as an Episcopal priest, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW), and sat on President Kennedy’s Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.



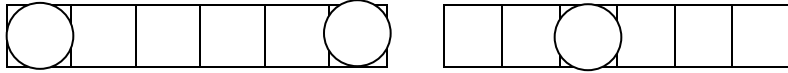
4. She was the first African American woman in Congress (1968) and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States.



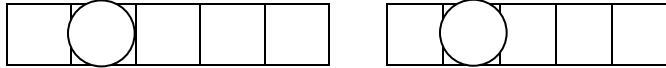
5. She was the first African American woman ever elected to the Washington State Senate from Pierce County, Washington.



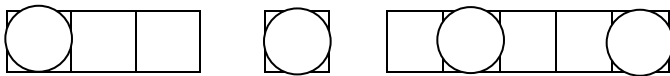
6. She is an American politician serving as the U.S. Representative for California's 43rd congressional district, currently in her 15th term in the House, having served since 1991.



7. This African American woman served the 37th district in the WA State House of Representatives for 12 years (1971 to 1983) and was the prime sponsor of the House version of a bill that became the Landlord-Tenant Act of Washington State.



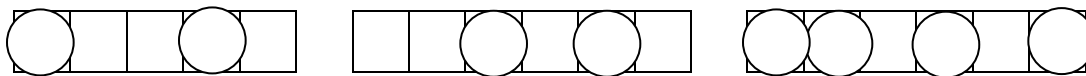
8. She was an investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil rights movement, who spent her life uncovering injustices and fighting prejudices, and was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



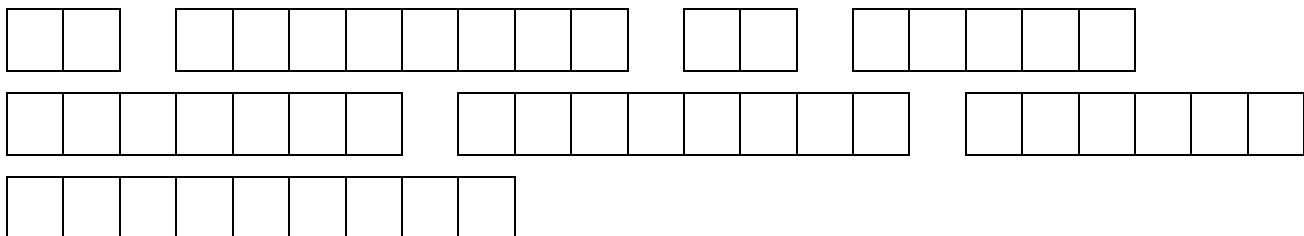
9. After attending Howard University in Washington D.C., where she established one of the country's first and largest black sororities, she became one of Seattle's first civil rights workers and the first woman of color to exercise the right to vote on YWCA's board, on which she served for 53 years.



10. She was the daughter of the first African American elected to the U.S. Senate and was a frequent contributor and associate editor of the Seattle Republican, one of the state's most successful black-owned newspapers, until it closed in 1913.



Unscramble the circled letters:



### Answers to Black History Month Word Scramble

**Scrambled Word:** Be inspired by these African American female activists.  
 1) Barbara Jordan; 2) Children's Defense Fund; 3) Pauli Murray; 4) Shirley Chisholm; 5) Rosa Franklin;  
 6) Maxine Waters; 7) Peggy Maxie; 8) Ida B. Wells; 9) Bertha Pitts Campbell; 10) Susie Revels Cayton