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### **AFRICAN-AMERICAN AWARENESS PATCH PROGRAM**

**Purpose: To enhance the awareness of African-American history and culture.**

**Requirements:**

**Brownies: Complete 6 requirements, including the 4 starred.**

**Juniors: Complete 8 requirements, including the 4 starred.**

**Cadettes/Seniors: Complete 10 requirements, including the 4 starred.**

**\*1. Complete a or b:**

a. Utilize your local travel agent, the library, and/or other resources to explore a country in Africa. Find out about its people, holidays, foods, customs, and dress. Do they have Girl Scouts?

b. Africans were brought to the West Indies during the slave trade. Explore an island in the West Indies. Find out about its people, holidays, foods, customs and dress. Do they have Girl Scouts?

**\*2. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights leader. List some of the contributions he made to history. In what way could you celebrate his birthday?**

**3. Make a collage or drawing showing multi-cultural people living in peace with each other.**

**4. The March on Washington took place in August, 1963. What was its purpose and what did it accomplish?**

**5. Listen to jazz, calypso, reggae, hip-hop, and gospel music. Where did they originate?**

**\*6.** Complete a or b:

a. Attend an African-American cultural program (ex. play, library exhibit, concert).

b. Read a book about African- American history. Discuss the story with your troop.

**7.** Design a game to help children learn about African-American history.

**8.** Collect pictures and/or stories from newspapers and magazines about apartheid in South Africa. What is apartheid?

**9.** What black South African leader won a Nobel Prize? Find out what he did.

**10.** Cook a dish of African-American origin and share it with others. **(For Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors only).**

**\*11.** Find out about black service organizations in your community and invite a representative to your troop meeting.

**\*12.** Pick 10 of the following people. For what are/ were they noted?

**Phillis Wheatley  
Rosa Parks  
Shirley Chishom  
Katherine Dunham  
Sharon Pratt-Dixon  
Gen. Colin Powell  
Ida B. Wells  
Mother Hale  
Benjamin Banneker  
Matthew Henson  
Dr. Gloria Scott  
Gen. Chappie James  
Virginia Hamilton**

**Dr. Charles Drew  
Marian Anderson  
Lorraine Hansberry  
Ruby Dee  
Dr. Bill Cosby  
Oprah Winfrey  
Madam C. J. Walker  
Winnie Mandela  
Maya Angelou  
Garrett Morgan  
Dr. Ben Carson  
Barbara Jordan**

**13.** What was the Underground Railroad? What was its significance & who started it? Investigate your community to see if the Underground Railroad was active.