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Performance Task Preparation Worksheet Historical

Brainstorm

Possible historical figure, organization, or event	Why is this person, organization, or event newsworthy?	How does this person, organization, or event represent Black excellence, resilience, and/or joy?
Benjamin Banneker	He created the layout for D.C.	Benjamin Banneker was incredibly intelligent and contributed to the nation
Nat Turner	Began a slave a revolt that failed but caused for enslavers to tighten	A massacre of up to 200 Black people caused a new wave of oppressive legislation prohibiting the education, movement, and assembly of enslave people
Martin R. Delany	A black nationalist who advocated for the creation of a separate society from America in Africa where black people could champion themselves.	He believed in black self sufficiency and personally self funded the journey to Africa
Underground Railroad in Ripley, Ohio	It was a beacon for the enslaved in Kentucky. It was the center of where there were the most connections for slaves to escape.	They were a major contributer to the escape of slaves and were quite succesful in their efforts.
Free African Society	Religious mutual aid organization that provided financial and emotional support to newly free African slaves in the U.S.	The Free African Society created community for free Africans in the U.S.

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Research

Chosen historical figure, organization, or event	Sources	Information–Text and Images (Include images you find by cutting and pasting into this document)
Underground Railroad in Ripley, Ohio	https://www.loc.gov/item/cph4054/#	
	https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/underground/oh3.htm	John Rankin House
	https://www.nps.gov/gis/storymaps/cascade/v1/index.html?appid=029aa0e8ea8747a081d6fc32a60b61c1	
	https://ohiohistorycentral.org/w/John_P. Parker	John Parker, a former slave who had a black mother and white father, was fortunate to have the chance to be educated while enslaved. Purchased his

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own freedom

Established his own business and helped slaves from Kentucky escape until 1865 when slavery was abolished. He focused on his foundry business until the day he died

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Stairwell to John Rankin's house, that fugitive slaves crossing across the Ohio River could walk up to for sanctuary at his home



