

The Running Legacy of the W.E.B DuBois and the Boston branch of the NAACP

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Even though it took a whole day to come up with our topic, we finally decided to go with the NAACP. We have chosen this due to the fact that we are big supporters of BLM, and we want to persuade people to help the NAACP. This relates to the theme of Debate & Diplomacy-Successes, Failures and Consequences because the NAACP helps fight unfair acts of discrimination towards African American people.

We conducted our research by taking notes on historical books and searched throughout the internet for our answers using Google, Bing, Yahoo, and Safari. There were plenty of different books and historical events that we are happily able to share with our audience. We then asked questions about our topic that we were ready to solve and researched them in order to find our answers. We used many sources but the NAACP website was the most helpful. We knew someone who is a friend of Tanisha M. Sullivan (the current president of the Boston NAACP), and were able to text her a few questions. We created our project by simply brainstorming some ideas as to sculpting into just using a printer and a pencil and got to work. We also have gotten plenty of references from researching previous competitions. We decided to do a poster board because it hones in on all of our strengths. For example creativity and planning. We decided the color scheme for the poster board will be white, gold, and blue. Our layout consists of information about important figures on the sides with a large tree in the middle.

Our thesis statement is W.E.B Dubois's founding of the Boston branch of the NAACP is a diplomatic success that was launched to help African American people strive in their communities; ensure educational and political help, along with nonviolently removing racial discrimination. We are trying to show people the history of the NAACP as well as to persuade people to help the NAACP.

Our topic is important because the NAACP is made to support African American people in life. This is an important thing we need because all of us are human meaning that we are all equal. People should learn about the NAACP because it brings awareness to the unfairness of racism and equality.

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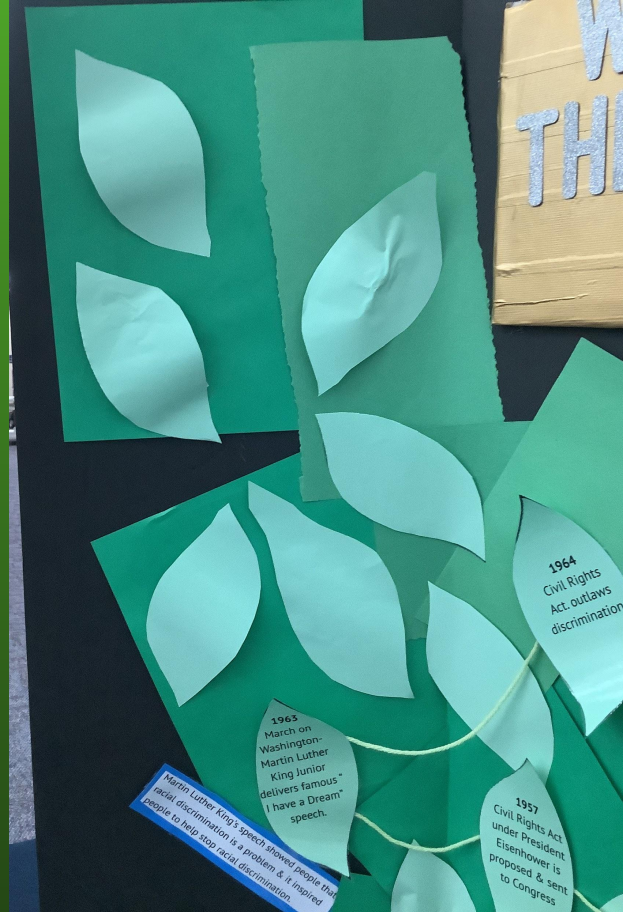


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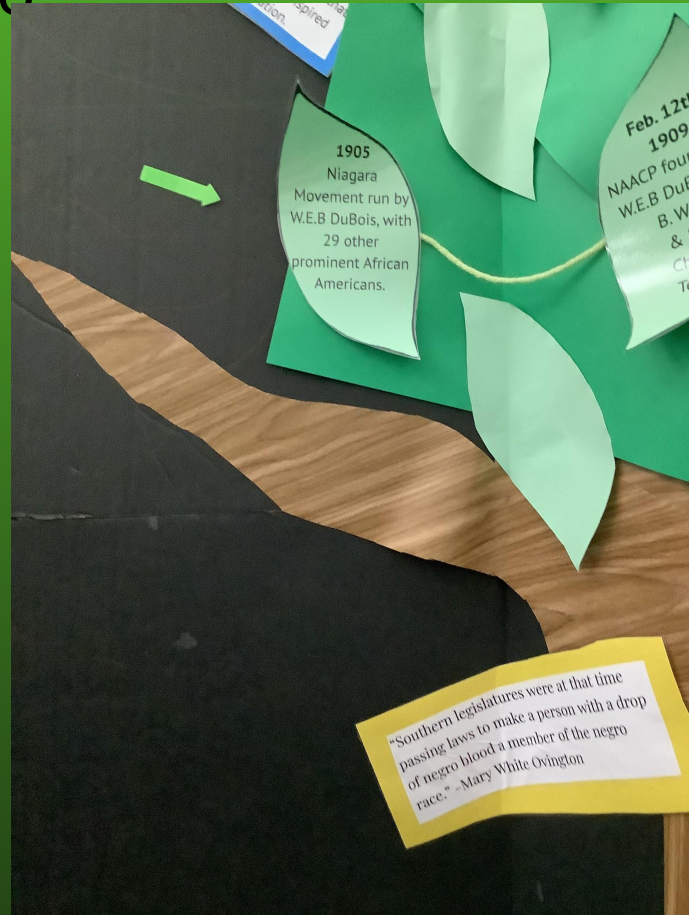
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Martin Luther King's speech showed people that racial discrimination is a problem & it inspired people to help stop racial discrimination.

1963 March on Washington- Martin Luther King Junior delivers famous "I have a Dream" speech.

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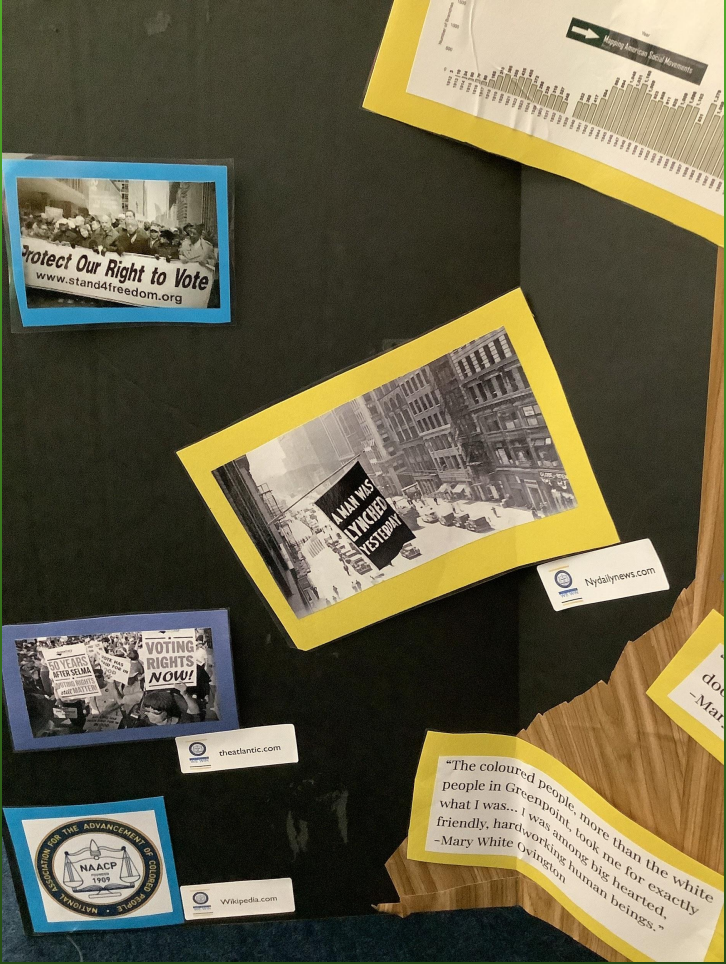
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1905 Niagara Movement run by W.E.B. DuBois, with 29 other prominent African Americans.

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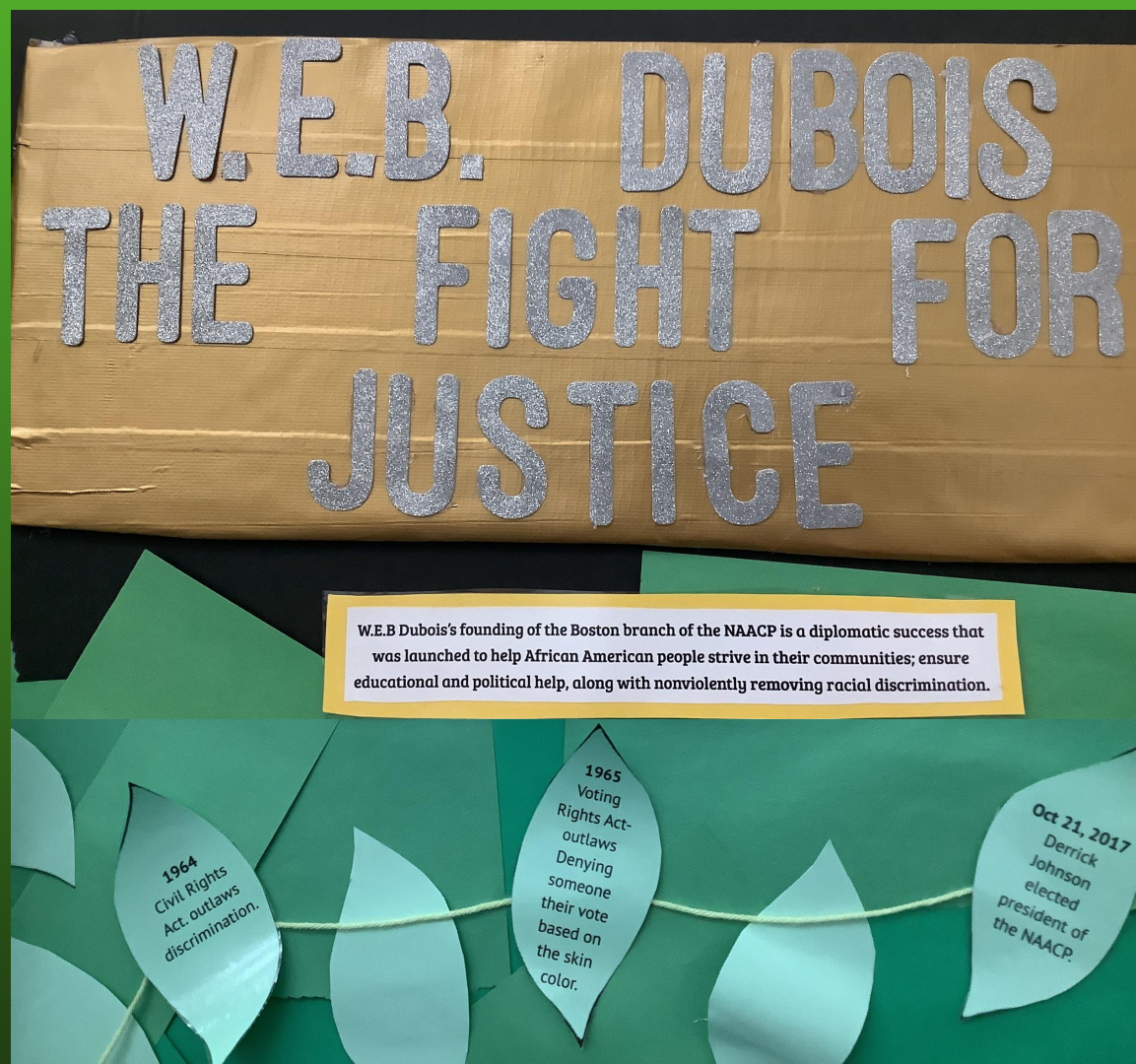


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“The coloured people, more than the white people in Greenpoint, took me for exactly what I was...I was among big hearted, friendly, hardworking human beings.” - Mary White Ovington

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# W.E.B. DUBOIS THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

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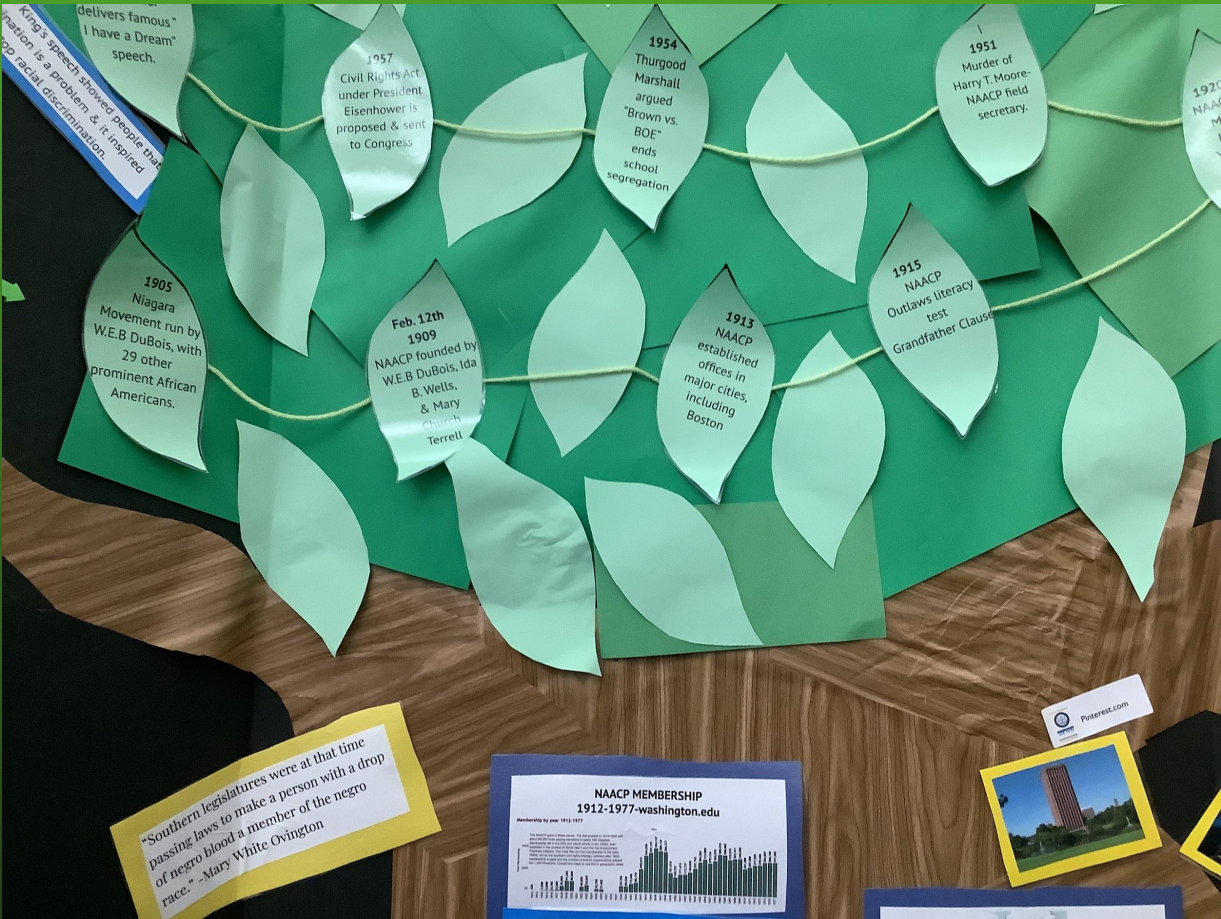
1964 Civil Rights Act outlaws discrimination  
1965 Voting Rights Act-outlaws Denying someone their vote based on the skin color.  
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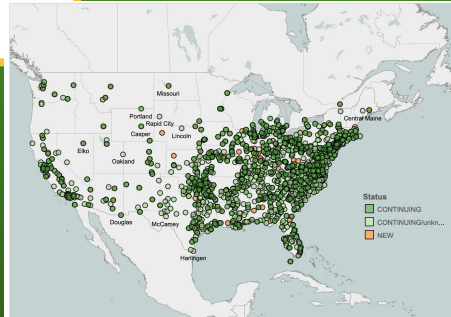


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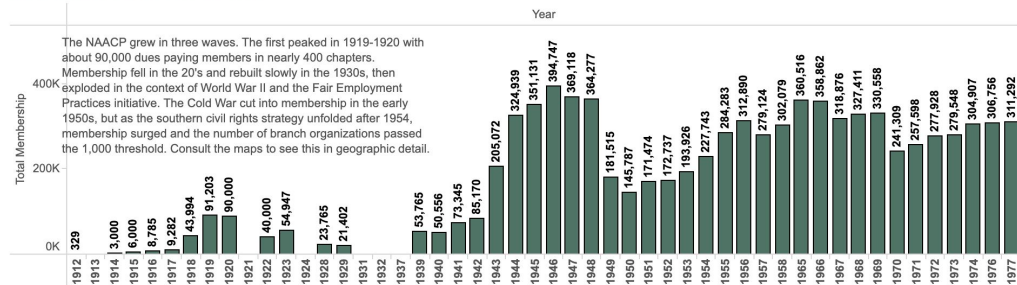


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This graph shows the spike in the number of people volunteering for the NAACP. Some of them volunteered to help the NAACP grow & to help stop discrimination against the African Americans.



Membership by year 1912-1977



Feb 12th 1909 NAACP founded by W.E.B. DuBois, Ida B. Wells & Mary Church Terrell

1913 NAACP establishes office in major cities, including Boston

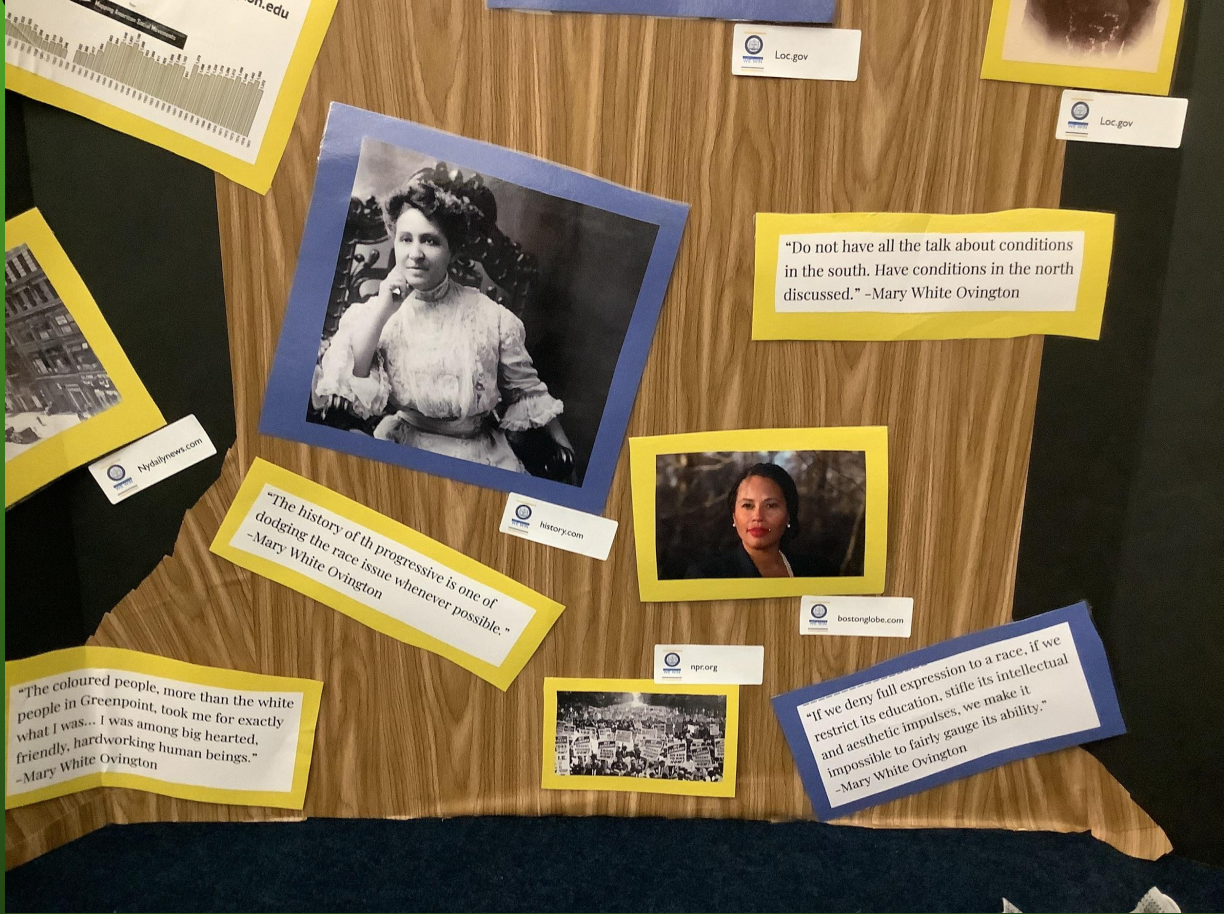
1915 NAACP Outlaws literacy test Grandfather Clause.

1951 Murder of Harry T. Moore- NAACP field secretary

1954 Thurgood Marshall argued "Brown vs. BOE" ends school segregation

1957 Civil Rights Act under President Eisenhower is proposed & sent to Congress.

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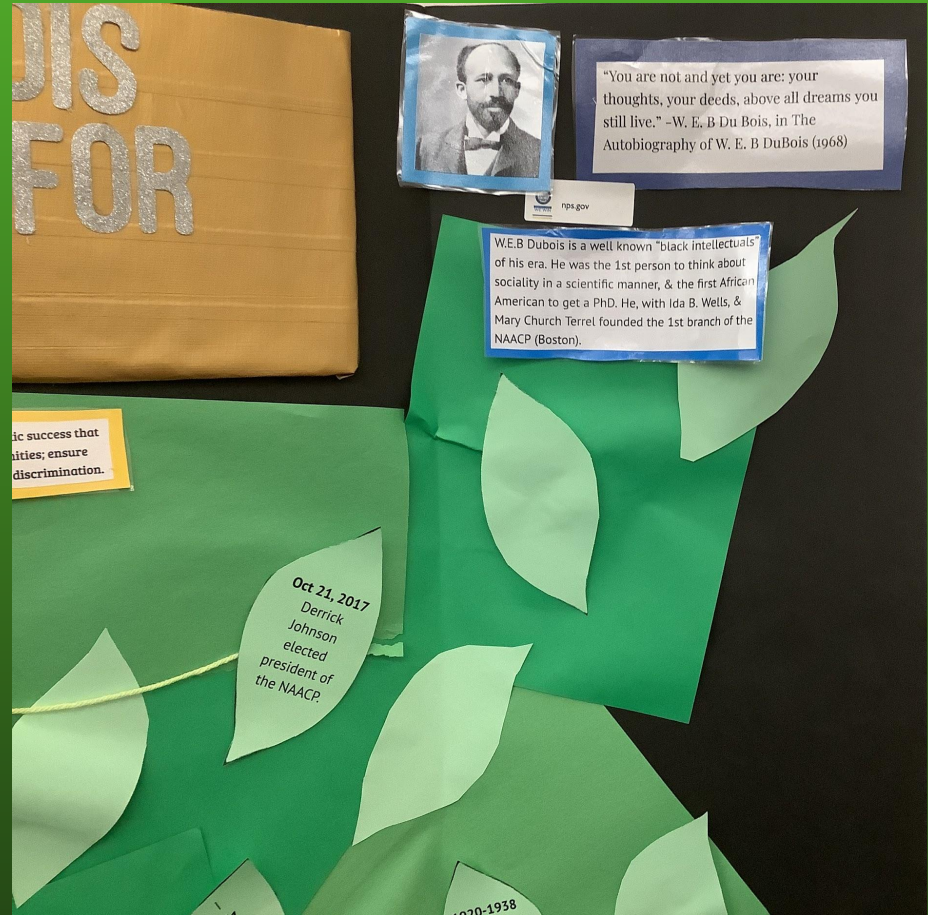
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“They history of the progressive is one of dodging the race issue whenever possible.” - Mary White Ovington

“Do not have all the talk about conditions in the south. Have conditions in the north discussed. ” - Mary White Ovington

“If we deny full expression to a race, if we restrict its education, stifle its intellectual and aesthetic impulses, we make it impossible to fairly gauge its ability. ” - Mary White Ovington

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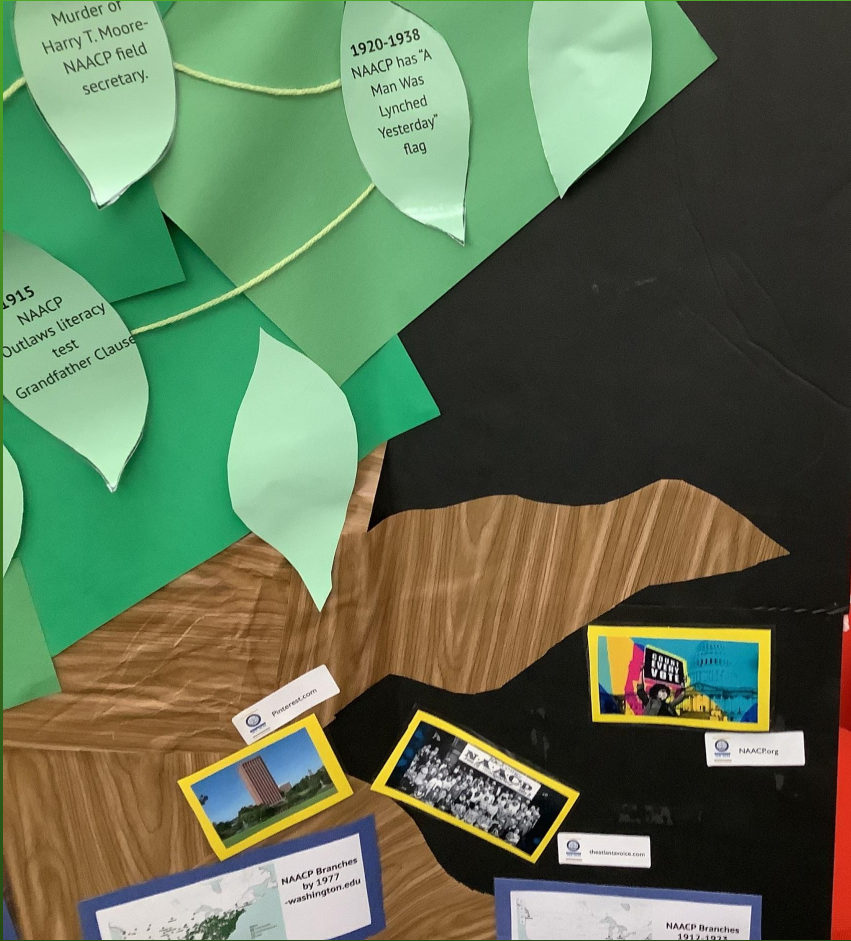
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“You are not  
and yet you  
are: your  
thoughts,  
deeds, above  
all dreams you  
still live.”

-W.E.B. Du  
Bois, in The  
Autobiography  
of W.E.B.  
DuBois (1968)

W.E.B. Dubois is a well known “black intellectuals” of his era. He was the 1st person to think about sociality in a scientific manner, & the first African American to get a PhD. He, with Ida B. Wells, & Mary Church Terrel founded the 1st branch of the NAACP (Boston.)

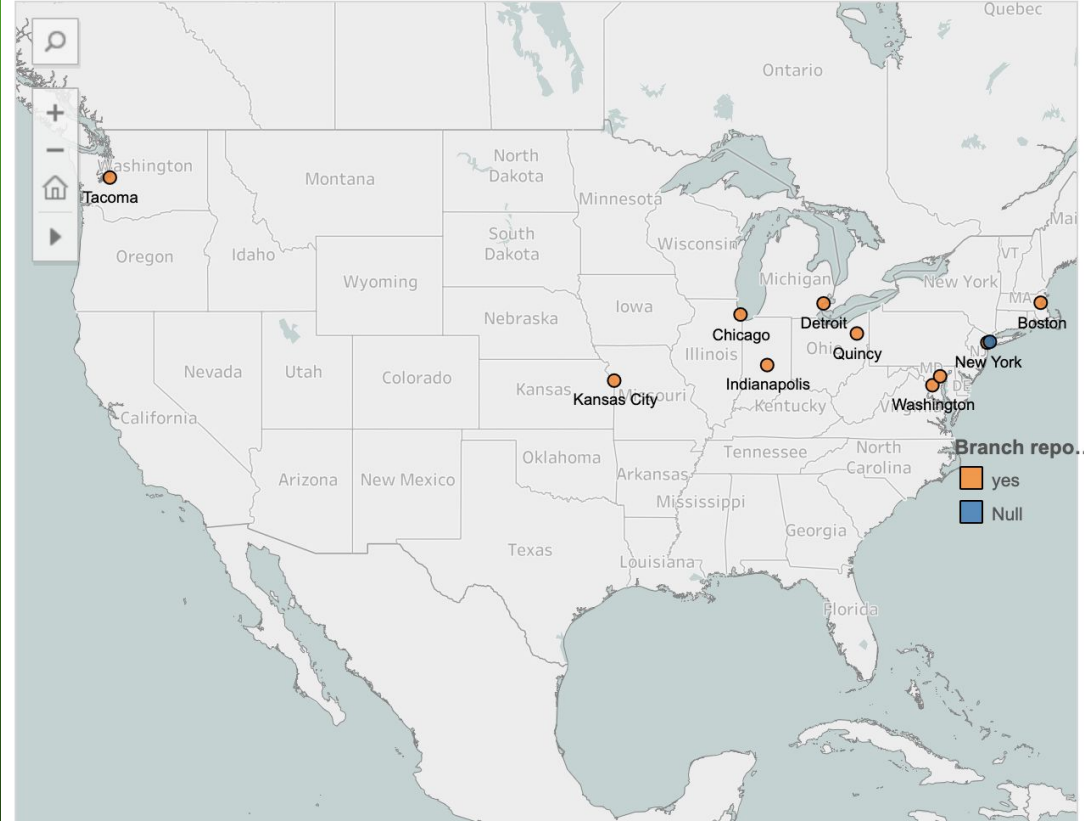
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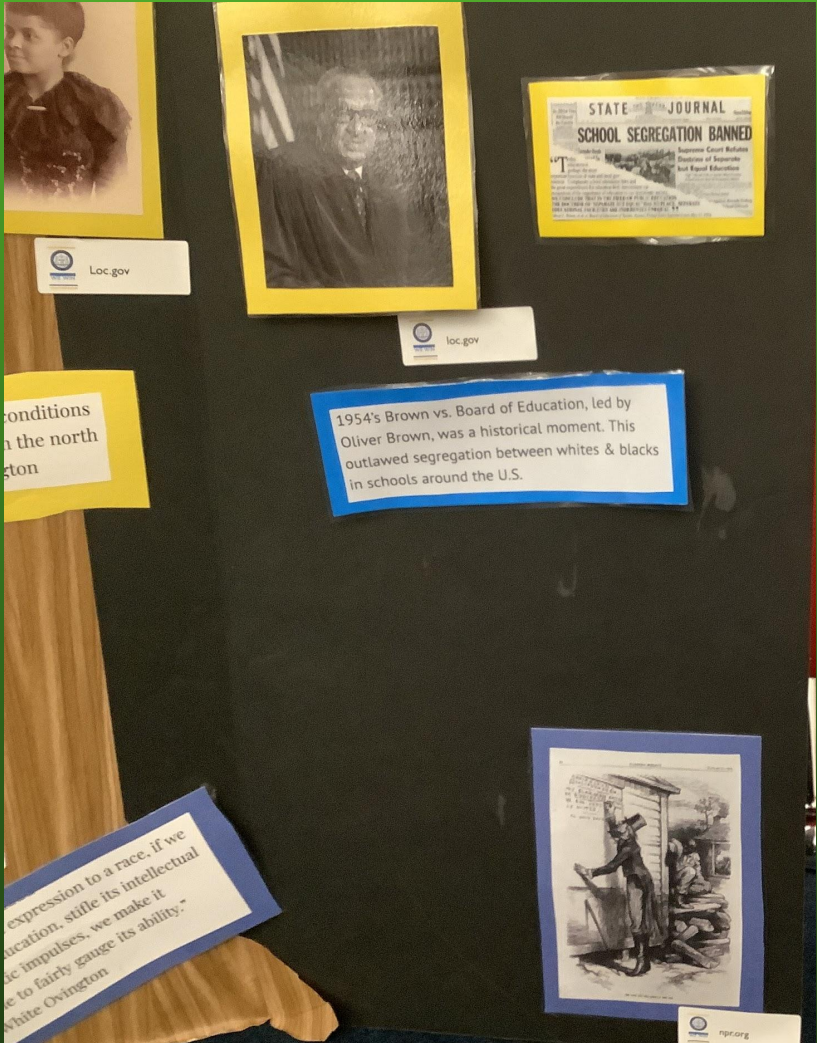
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1920-1938 NAACP has “A Man was Lynched Yesterday” flag.





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1954's Brown vs. Board of Education, led by Oliver Brown, was a historical moment. This outlawed segregation between whites & blacks in schools around the U.S.