

Activities to Highlight Black History Month

Pathful Activities for Educators and Students



Activity 1: Black Professionals Career Spotlight

Objective: Students will explore the careers of Black professionals and their contributions to society.

- **Assign Pathful Employability Videos.** Use Pathful's library to find videos featuring Black professionals across various industries (for example STEM, arts, business, healthcare).
- Click on [Virtual Job Shadow videos](#) after visiting a Career Profile page to see the video.
- Have students watch 2 to 3 videos and take notes on the professional's career journey; challenges they faced and how they overcame them; and the impact of their work on their community or industry.
- **Reflection:** "What inspired you most about the professionals you learned about?" and "How do their stories influence your own career aspirations?"
- **Class discussion:** Facilitate a discussion on diversity in the workplace. "Why is representation important in various careers?" and "How can learning about diverse professionals inspire change?"

Example Career Profiles

[Public Defender](#) [Record Executive](#) [CEO-Entrepreneur](#) [Baker](#) [Planetarium Manager](#) [Cybersecurity Engineer](#)
[Information Security Administrator](#) [Veterinarian](#) [Kindergarten Teacher](#) [Energy Auditor Inspector](#) [Service Operations, Automotive](#)
[Senior VP of Adult Merchandising](#) [Vice President of Loss Prevention](#) [CPA](#) [Medical Technologist](#) [Ombuds](#) [Street Car Operator](#) [Author](#)
[Campus Safety Sergeant](#) [Financial Analyst](#) [Senior Director of Emergency Management](#) [Environmental Scientist](#) and many more

Extension Idea

Create a classroom bulletin board or digital slideshow showcasing these professionals and their contributions.

Teacher Notes and Reflection For educator use: plan, record what worked and note changes for next time.

Objective: Connect students with local Black professionals to hear real-world stories and build community awareness.

- Extension Idea** Host a "Career Day" featuring multiple Black professionals across different fields and invite parents or community members to join virtually.

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Objective: Help students connect historical Black achievements to modern career opportunities.

- Extension Idea** Display the projects in a gallery walk for students to learn from each other's work.

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Objective: Highlight diversity in STEM fields and inspire students to pursue opportunities in these areas.

- Extension Idea** Host a mini STEM fair to showcase their projects.

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Wrap-Up and Reflection

At the end of Black History Month, have students reflect on their learning journey by responding to these prompts:

- "What did you learn about diversity and representation in careers?"
- "How has this month inspired you to think about your own career goals?"

Output Idea Create a class-wide "Inspiration Wall" where students post key takeaways, quotes or goals they've developed throughout the month.