

I was raised in the South and I think black history is important to be taught in public schools in Oregon. Everybody knows Maya Angelo (The Tree The Rock The River) everybody knows Martin Luther King: I made not get there with you, but I have a dream) and George Washington Carver developed peanut butter; Rosa Parks kept her seat in the front- but I think it goes deeper than that and the more we know the more we can avoid racism. There's no such thing as too much information and the history of the way black folks were treated is horrible and we need to fix that. I had the best math teacher, a young black woman that opened the door to mathematics for me -for the rest of my life- and that was 1968 the year before Martin Luther King was shot. I feel like the only thing new in the World is the Black history you don't know. I recommend Jeffs bill, because hate creates a lot of problems, it never solves them. ---Marvin