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A Tribute

Yvette recently moved from Paris, France, to New York City because her father was transferred by his company. On her first day in her new school, the teacher introduced her to the other third graders in her class and explained that they were all very busy working on projects about Black History Month. Being new to the country, Yvette was not familiar with this tradition.

"What is Black History Month?" she asked the teacher.

"I'm glad you asked," replied her teacher. She went on to explain that Black History Month is celebrated during the month of February every year here in the United States. It is a time when we pay tribute to the African-Americans who have made so many wonderful contributions to this country's development and success throughout its history. They have been inventors, political leaders, educators, doctors, writers, musicians, entertainers, athletes, and so much more. The tradition of celebrating Black History Month was established in 1926 and is attributed to the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson. During his studies, he discovered that very little information about black Americans was included in American history books. He sought successfully to change that.

Directions: Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.

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| _____ 1. In the story, who recently moved from Paris? | a. third grade |
| _____ 2. What grade is Yvette in at her new school? | b. February |
| _____ 3. What was the topic of their class projects? | c. 1926 |
| _____ 4. Black History Month is celebrated during which month? | d. Yvette |
| _____ 5. In what year was Black History Month established? | e. Black History Month |