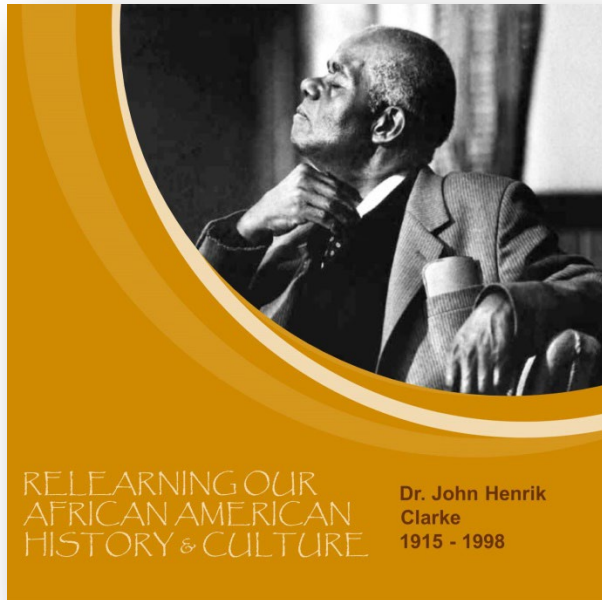




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Dr. John Henrik Clarke



- ✚ Born to parents who worked in the Alabama sharecropping and domestic fields, [Dr. John Henrik Clarke](#) moved to Harlem as a part of the [Great Migration](#) and developed into a widely influential Pan-African American [writer](#), [historian](#), and professor. Clarke noted, "[I began to suspect at this early age that someone had distorted the image of my people. My long search for the true history of African people the world over began.](#)"
- ✚ Dr. Clarke studied at New York University, Columbia University, Hunter College, the New School of Social Research and Pacific Western University. He was a [pioneer in the field of pan-African studies, creating one of the first and most influential Africana departments in the country](#) at Hunter College, NY.
- ✚ Dr. Clarke's search for true history took him to [libraries, museums, attics, archives and collections in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America and Africa](#). Sankofa World Publishers notes Dr. Clarke's relationship with African people afforded him the company of kings, queens, presidents and other heads of state, notably Kwame Nkrumah, first post-colonial President of Ghana.
- ✚ Dr. Clarke [influenced countless figures in Black History](#) such as Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X, Zora Neale Hurston, James Baldwin, Martin Luther King Jr., Richard Wright, Julian Mayfield, and Audre Lorde, among others.

