

MARCUS GARVEY

BLACK NATIONALIST

- Marcus Garvey (1887-1940) was born in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.
- Garvey was a great organizer and leader who served the African community. At a young age he saw the poor living conditions of the Jamaican labor class. In his travels to Central and South America, he saw black people were victims of discrimination.
- In 1909 he formed the National Club. He began his own newspaper, *The Watchman*, that would express his political views on the troubles of Black people.
- In 1914 he organized the UNIA (Universal Negro Improvement Association) in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Garvey traveled to the United States in 1920 to hold UNIA's first convention in New York.
- In 1925 Marcus Garvey was arrested on charges of mail fraud in Atlanta, Georgia. He was released in 1927 and told to leave the country. He returned to Jamaica and there continued his work.
- The Garvey movement was one of the greatest mass movements of African people in the world. He devoted his life to the independence and freedom of the Black race.



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