On March 1st, 1896, Ethiopia wins a decisive victory against Italian invasion at the historic Battle of Adwa under the leadership of Emperor Minilik II. While thousands died and even more were wounded during the battle, Adwa represents a victory not just for Ethiopians but for all Black people the world over. Ethiopia symbolizes Black freedom and the struggle for independence as the only African nation able to retain its independence during the colonial scramble for Africa. When the Italians invaded Ethiopia again under Benito Mussolini, Black people worldwide rallied behind Emperor Haile Selassie in his fight for freedom. The victory of Adwa is celebrated in Ethiopia and by Black communities worldwide.

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