

African American Burial Ground

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Throughout history, there have been many Africans that have changed the world, yet many of them have not been recognized. The National Park Service is beginning to identify the places where these Africans have made contributions, and build monuments to honor them. One recently acknowledged place is the African Burial Ground of New York. This monument in particular is special and important to recognize because it is honoring all of the past African Americans slaves.

In the early 17th and 18th centuries, slaves were used to help build what is now New York. Between 1991 and 1992, 419 sets of human remains were found in an African cemetery while building the Ted Weiss Federal building. After looking at the body remains, on October 4, 2003, the remains were reburied in what is now the African Burial Ground. Without these slaves, New York wouldn't have thrived as a city. For centuries people didn't think that it was important but now we recognize the value of their lives and how much they have changed history. Instead of building over the gravesite, the National Park Service has chosen to honor all of the slaves who have died in the past by making the African Burial ground a monument.

In conclusion, the African American Burial Ground is a very important monument. It is significant because it is honoring all of the people who lived in slavery. The slaves played a critical part of American history, and it is important to honor their sacrifice. Even though we could never repay the lives of these slaves, we, as a country, have chosen to build a monument after them to honor all that they have done.