



Nick Aaron Ford

Dr. Nick Aaron Ford was born on August 4, 1904, in Ridgeway, South Carolina to Nick Aaron and Carrie Ford. The family valued education and hard work, with Carrie teaching a young Dr. Ford to read and write before the age of five. Dr. Ford attended Winnsboro Colored School when he was ten.

After graduation from Benedict College in 1926, Dr. Ford began his career in teaching in Aiken, South Carolina and served as a teacher and administrator at various schools and colleges across the south. He earned his Master's in 1934 and Doctorate in 1945, both from the State University of Iowa. For 28 years, Dr. Ford was a professor at Morgan State University in Maryland, where he eventually became the Chair of the English Department.

As a prominent educator and scholar, Dr. Ford was an advocate in pushing for the inclusion of African American culture and literature to be taught throughout academia prior to 1968. His books, articles in various academic journals, and newspaper writings were based upon how important it was to know the literary accomplishments of Black writers throughout the United States and the need to recognize Black Studies in higher education.

Dr. Ford was one of the founders of the College Literature Association journal and a regular contributor to the *Phylon* along with many other academic journals. Dr. Ford served on many prominent national educational boards including being elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Ford died in Baltimore, Maryland on July 17, 1982.

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African American History Calendar*

Put the events from Nick Aaron Ford's life in order. Start by writing a 1 for the first event that took place and continue on from there.

_____ Dr. Ford attended Winnsboro Colored School.

_____ Dr. Ford wrote books and articles on black writers and their accomplishments throughout the United States.

_____ Dr. Ford graduated from Benedict College.

_____ Dr. Ford taught at Morgan University.

_____ Dr. Ford was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Teachers of English.

_____ Dr. Ford recieved his Doctorate degree.

There are three states mentioned in Dr. Ford's bio. Find the states on the map and then color them.

