



MARY JACKSON

Mary Jackson was a mathematician and aerospace engineer at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and Space Administration. Mary became the first Black woman to work as an engineer at NASA!



CORETTA SCOTT KING

Coretta Scott King was an author, activist, and leader in the civil rights movement. King, a singer herself, also made a point to incorporate music within her civil rights activism.



BARBARA JORDAN

Barbara Jordan was an influential lawyer, educator, and politician who took a leadership role in the Civil Rights Movement. Jordan was the first Black person elected to the Texas Senate and the first Black woman elected to the House of Representatives.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

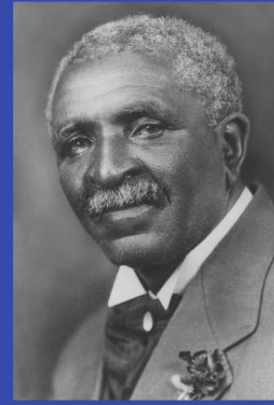
Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights activist, American Baptist Minister, and the most visible spokesman for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. Martin Luther King Jr.'s involvement in the March on Washington as well as his "I Have a Dream" speech formed the Civil Rights Movement in many ways.





ANGELA DAVIS

Angela Davis is an activist, philosopher, academic, author, and professor. Angela's open physical and written support of the civil rights movement and feminism have established her as one of the most influential Black theorists of our time.



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

George Washington Carver was an influential agricultural scientist and inventor. Carver promoted alternative crops to cotton in order to prevent further soil depletion. His contributions have established him as one of the most prominent Black scientists of the 20th century.



MAYA ANGELOU

A poet, civil rights activist, and author, Maya Angelou published many renowned works throughout her career. Her famous works such as "And Still I Rise" and "I Know why the Cage Bird Sings" were monumental and earned Angelou notable recognitions such as the Presidential Medal of Freedom as well as a Grammy award.



PATRICE KHAN-CULLORS

Co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, Patrice Khan-Cullors is a 37-year-old activist, author, and abolitionist. Cullors curated the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter in 2013 and organized the culture-shifting Black Lives Matter protests in Ferguson, Missouri.





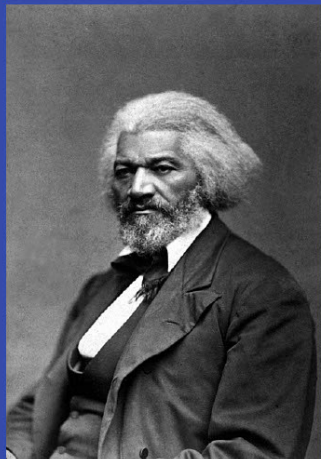
FANNIE LOU HAMER

Fannie Lou Hamer was a voting and women's right activist during the civil rights movement. She was the co-founder and vice-chair of the Freedom Democratic Party. She was also known for her use of spiritual hymns/quotes and resilience in leading the civil rights movement for black women in Mississippi.



REBECCA LEE CRUMPLER

Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first female African-American physician. She was also one of the first female physician authors in the 19th century. In 1883, she published *A Book of Medical Discourses*, focusing on maternal and pediatric medical care.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Frederick Douglass was an African-American social reformer, abolitionist, writing and statesman. He became a national leader of the abolitionist movement, becoming well-known for his antislavery writing.



MICHELLE & BARACK OBAMA

Michelle and Barack Obama were the 44th President and First Lady of the United States. Elected in 2008, Barack Obama made history as the first Black President. Throughout her time in the white house, Michelle implemented many impactful programs such as "Let's Move" a program aimed towards improving the physical health of U.S. youth!





ROSA PARKS

Rosa Parks is an American activist in the civil rights movement. She is known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott where she resisted bus segregation.



JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis was an American politician and civil rights activist. He was one of the "Big Six" leaders groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington. He played a key role in the civil rights movement to end legalized racial segregation in the United States.



JACKIE ROBINSON

Jackie Robinson was an American professional baseball player. He was the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. He was inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. He was the first professional athlete in any sport to be retired among all major league teams.



ALTHEA GIBSON

Althea Gibson was an American tennis player and professional golfer. She was the first African American to win a Grand Slam. She was inducted in the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Her accomplishments set the stage for success for many to come.





LIZZO

Lizzo is a singer, rapper, flutist, and songwriter. Lizzo is known for her hit songs (think Rumors, Truth Hurts, Cuz I Love You, etc.). In addition to her musical career, Lizzo is an outspoken advocate for self-love and body positivity/neutrality.



ARTHUR ASHE

Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. was an American professional tennis player. He was the first Black player selected to the United States Davis Cup team and the only Black man to ever win in the singles at three Opens. He then contracted HIV from a blood transfusion and worked to educate others about HIV/AIDS.



RUBY BRIDGES

At the age of 6 in 1960, Ruby Bridges became the first African American student to integrate a southern elementary school. Furthermore, in 1999 she established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote educational racial equity.



W.E.B. DU BOIS

William Du Bois was an American sociologist, historian, civil rights activist and author. He was the first African American to earn a doctorate, becoming a professor at Atlanta University. He was also one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He fought against racism, strongly protesting discrimination and employment.





TOMI ADEYEMI

Tomi Adeyemi is a Nigerian-American author, podcaster, and speaker. Adeyemi is most known for her novel Children of Blood and Bone (which we will read!) and was included on TIME magazine's 100 most influential people as well as Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2020.



MEGAN THEE STALLION

Meghan Thee Stallion: Megan Thee Stallion is an American rapper, originally from Houston, Texas. She rose to fame by freestyling videos on social media. Her first single is "Like a Stallion". A big hit for her was her studio album Good News in 2020, peaking in the top 10 Billboard 200. She also has songs featuring Beyonce and Cardi B. She also partnered with Nike for a promotional fitness campaign.



BELL HOOKS

bell hooks is a poet, author, theorist, feminist, professor, and social activist. Her first work "Ain't I A Woman: Black Women and Feminism" revolutionized intersectional feminism as we know it. Since her first work, bell hooks has written more than 30 books. bell hooks purposefully writes her name without capitalized letters in order to draw attention away from her identity and onto her ideas.

