



Black History Month

School values- Respect
British Values- Mutual Respect and Celebration
of Differences

Black History Month

English

Maya Angelou was an American memoirist, popular poet, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qviM_GnJbOM



Alexander Dumas

A French writer best known for *The Count of Monte Cristo* and *The Three Musketeers*.

Dumas' father was Black Haitian and became a brigadier general in the French army.

So why was white actor Gérard Depardieu chosen to depict Black author Alexandre Dumas in a film about his life?

Toni Morrison

Facts



Photo from the Nobel Foundation archive.

Toni Morrison

The Nobel Prize in Literature 1993

Born: 18 February 1931, Lorain, OH, USA

Died: 5 August 2019, New York, NY, USA

Residence at the time of the award: USA

Prize motivation: "who in novels characterized by visionary force and poetic import, gives life to an essential aspect of American reality"

Language: English

Benjamin Banneker (1731–1806)

Benjamin Banneker was a primarily self-educated mathematician and astronomer. **He is best known for building America's first clock** at the age of 24 – a wooden device that struck hourly. He also was able to accurately forecast lunar and solar eclipses. Banneker's deep curiosity and understanding of mathematics greatly paved the way years before any other Black mathematicians in the US.



Maths

Jesse Ernest Wilkins Jr. (1923–2011)

Jesse Ernest Wilkins was a world-class American mathematician, mechanical engineer, and nuclear scientist. **He attended the University of Chicago at the age of 13, becoming its youngest ever student.** He earned five science degrees during his life.

Wilkins worked as a contributor to the Manhattan Project during World War II. He wrote almost 100 scientific papers (over 55 in mathematics). He was the second African American elected to the National Academy of Engineering (1965). In 1970, Wilkins served Howard University as its distinguished professor of Applied Mathematical Physics and founded the university's new PhD program in mathematics.



Who Is Mae C. Jemison?

Mae C. Jemison is an American astronaut and physician who, on June 4, 1987, became the first African American woman to be admitted into NASA's astronaut training program. On September 12, 1992, Jemison finally flew into space with six other astronauts aboard the *Endeavour* on mission STS47, becoming the first African American woman in space. In recognition of her accomplishments, Jemison has received several awards and honorary doctorates.



Science

Who Was George Washington Carver?

George Washington Carver was born enslaved and went on to become one of the most prominent scientists and inventors of his time, as well as a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute. Carver devised over 100 products using one major crop — the peanut — including dyes, plastics and gasoline.



Who Was Alice Ball?

Alice Ball was an African American chemist who developed the first successful treatment for those suffering from Hansen's disease (leprosy). Ball was also the very first African American and the first woman to graduate with a M.S. degree in chemistry from the College of Hawaii (now known as the University of Hawaii). Tragically, Ball died at the young age of 24. During her brief lifetime, she did not get to see the full impact of her discovery. It was not until years after her death that Ball got the proper credit she deserved.



Geography

Bubakari II-

It is now widely accepted that Columbus did not discover the Americas when he landed in the Caribbean in 1492, as there were Native Americans watching him from the continents' shores. According to a number of sources, Abubakari II, Mansa (King) of the Mali Empire in the 14th century, led Malian sailors to the Americas, specifically present-day Brazil, almost 200 years before Columbus arrived. Abubakari II ruled what was arguably the richest and largest empire on earth – covering nearly all of West Africa.

In 1311, he handed his throne to his brother, Kankou Moussa, and set off on an expedition. Believing that the Atlantic Ocean, similar to the River Niger, had another bank, Abubakari left to explore across the Atlantic ocean.

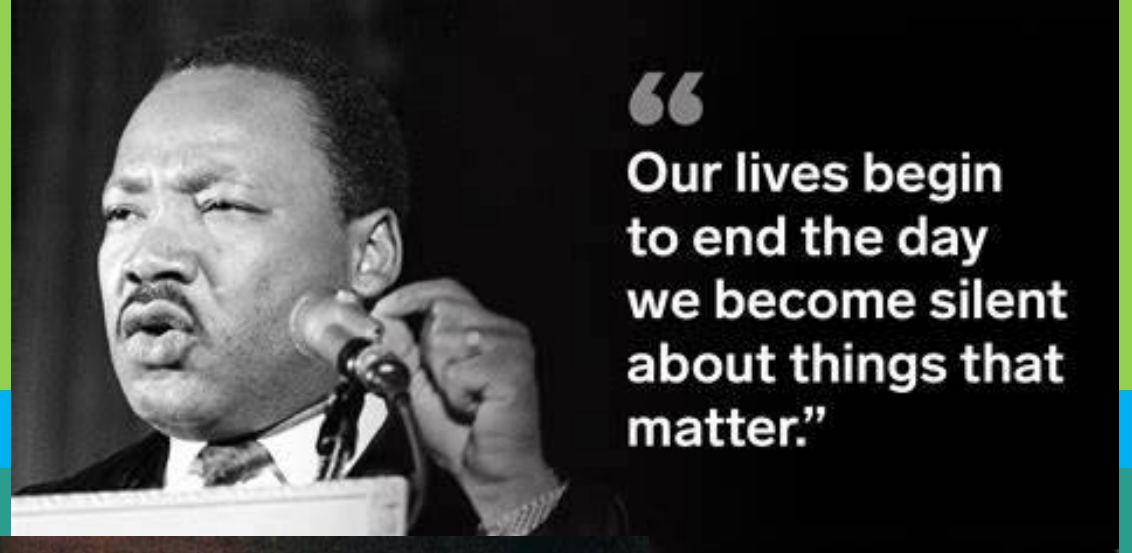
Mathew Henson

In April 1909, many people believed that explorer, Robert Peary, was the first of his expedition to have landed at the geographic North Pole. Only a few at the time knew that it was rather his servant, Matthew Henson who first set foot on the northernmost point on Earth in that expedition. Henson had accompanied Peary and a small group to what was recognized as the North Pole. Henson was ignored, particularly because he was African-American and would later spend most of his next 30 years working as a customs clerk in New York while lecturing on his experiences. Fortunately, in 1937, he received some recognition, as he was granted an honorary membership in the prestigious Explorers Club. Henson was also awarded several honorary degrees, and in 1954 he received a personal commendation from President Eisenhower for his role in discovering the North Pole.



History

Asantewa was the queen mother of Ejisu in the Ashanti Empire – now part of modern-day Ghana. In 1900, she led the Ashanti war known as the War of the Golden Stool, also known as the Yaa Asantewaa war, against British colonials.

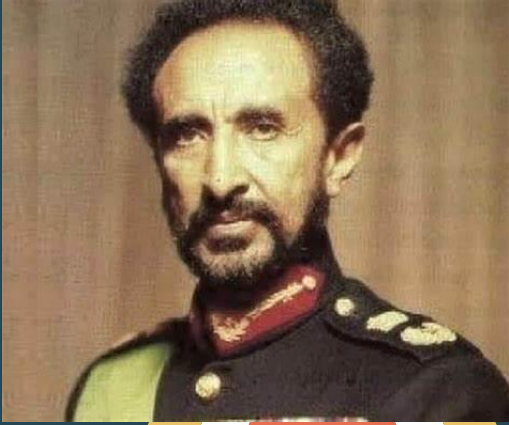


Roy Hackett- bus boycott UK

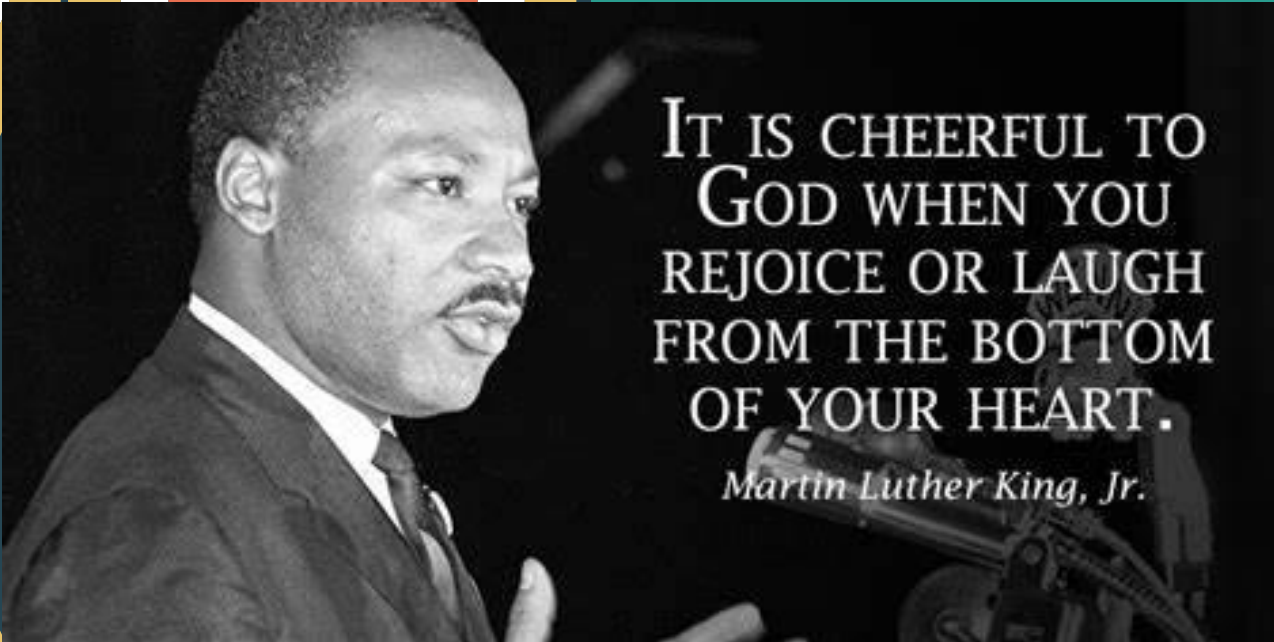


Olaudah Equiano- former slave who was an abolitionist and writer

Religious Studies



Rastafarianism is one of the Abrahamic religions practiced around the world. The religion places Emperor Haile Selassie at the center of the religion, and is considered by some followers as Christ-reincarnate while others see the Emperor as a prophet sent by God (who is referred to as "Jah"). Members of the Rastafarian religion are known as Rastas while the beliefs that they prescribe to is called Rastalogy. The Reggae genre of music is inspired by Rastafarianism and was instrumental in the global popularity of the religion. There are an estimated 1 million followers of the religion around the world, and majority resides in the western hemisphere.

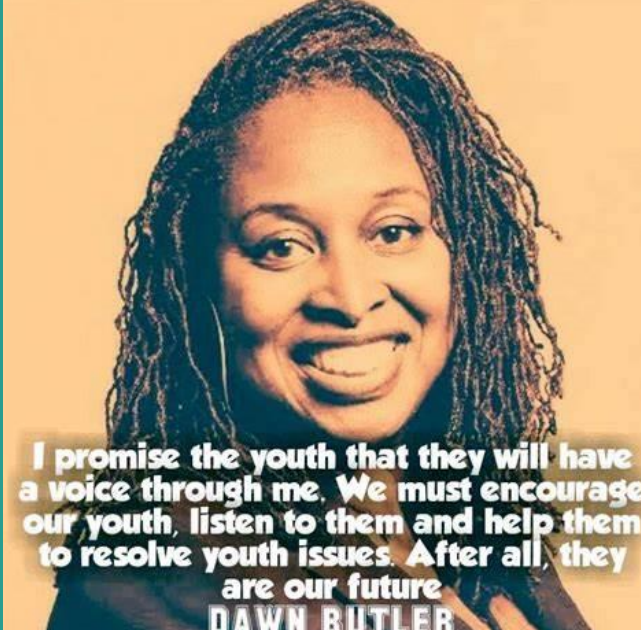


Citizenship



“If you’re not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.”

— Malcolm X



I promise the youth that they will have a voice through me. We must encourage our youth, listen to them and help them to resolve youth issues. After all, they are our future
DAWN BUTLER



“the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be.”

(Letter from a Birmingham Jail)

Martin Luther King, Jr.

I believe that education is the single most important civil rights issue that we face today. Because in the end, if we really want to solve issues like mass incarceration, poverty, racial profiling, voting rights, and the kinds of challenges that shocked so many of us over the past year, then we simply cannot afford to lose out on the potential of even one young person. We cannot allow even one more young person to fall through the cracks.

MICHELLE OBAMA

Image: The White House

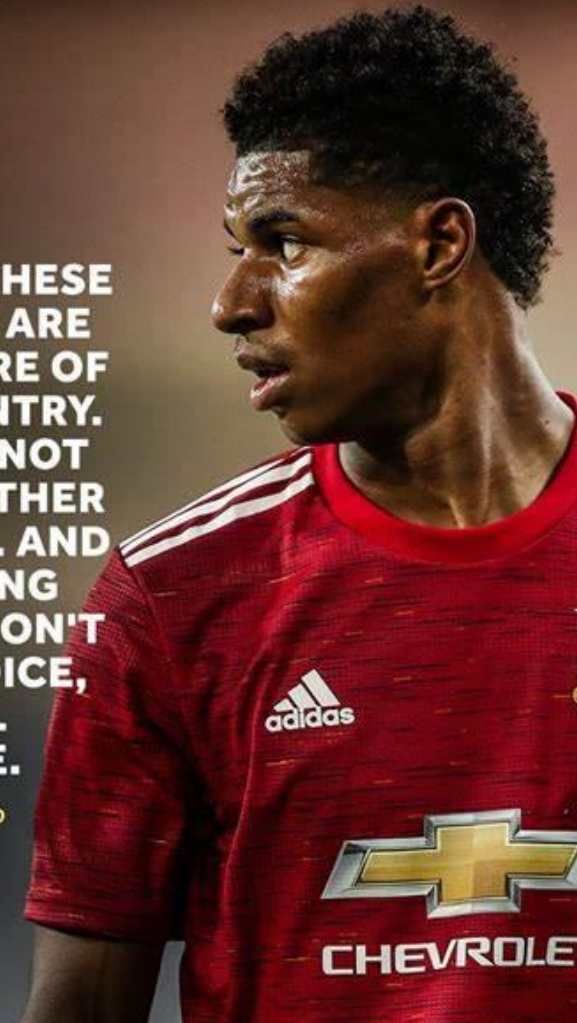


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THESE CHILDREN MATTER. THESE CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY. THEY ARE NOT JUST ANOTHER STATISTIC. AND FOR AS LONG AS THEY DON'T HAVE A VOICE, THEY WILL HAVE MINE.

MARCUS RASHFORD



Thomas Alexandre Davy de La Pailleterie, said General Dumas

French



After being a slave, he became an officer during Revolution, during which he successfully lead many battles. Austrian coined him the "Black Devil". Then, he was the leader of the expedition in Egypt, leading famous generals like Murat, Davout and Leclerc. After being tortured in prison, he felt in disgrace when segregation started again under Napoleon rule. He is often ignored by some historians as Napoleon - who opposed him - was glorified, which explains why people know him so little now.

Joséphine Baker. She emigrated from the US where she was suffering from the tough racism of that time and became a French citizen. Her cabaret revues were enormous successes among the Parisian public who adored her but she is also notably famous for having been an active and important member of the resistance, taking advantage of her activity as an entertainer to move around Europe, meet high-ranking officials and communicate intelligence to the allies. After the war she also participated in the civil rights movement.



German

Yared Dibaba, TV moderator



The Ethiopian-born TV moderator, actor, author and singer (47) is a successful media personality of African origin in Germany

Yared Dibaba | © RTL

Nelson Müller, TV cook

Born in February 1979 in Bremen Asikuma, Ghana, he came to Germany with his parents at 4 but was raised by German foster parents who formally adopted him in 2013. The cook, author and singer also runs his Restaurant Schote in Essen.



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Jérôme Boateng



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Jérôme Agyenim Boateng is a German professional footballer who plays as a centre-back for French Ligue 1 club Lyon. Boateng started his career at Hertha BSC where he developed from the youth ranks to the first team. [Wikipedia](#)

Ivy Quainoo, Singer

Born in Berlin to Ghanaian parents in August 1992, she won the first episode of the talent hunt show *The Voice of Germany* in 2012. Quainoo has since then recorded two albums and she performs regularly on German TV and at concerts across Europe.



Music

DEARLY Beloved,
we are gathered here
Today to get
THROUGH
this thing called
Life.
Despite EVERYTHING,
NO ONE ^{can} dictate
WHO YOU ARE to other people.
A strong spirit TRANSCENDS
~RULES~
As LONG as I do NOT
take myself too seriously,
I should NOT BE too BADLY OFF.
There's a DARK SIDE
TO EVERYTHING.
Every day I feel is a
Blessing from God.
I CONSIDER it a new beginning.
Life is just a PARTY,
AND PARTIES weren't meant to LAST.



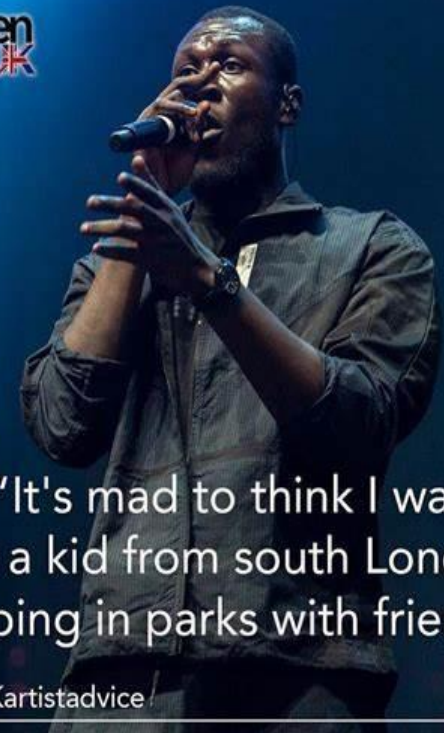
MUSIC DOESN'T LIE.
IF THERE IS SOMETHING
TO BE CHANGED IN THIS
WORLD, THEN IT CAN
ONLY HAPPEN THROUGH
MUSIC.

Jimi Hendrix

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open
mic UK



"It's mad to think I was
just a kid from south London,
rapping in parks with friends."

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We all require and want respect,
man or woman, black or white. It's
our basic human right.

— Aretha Franklin —

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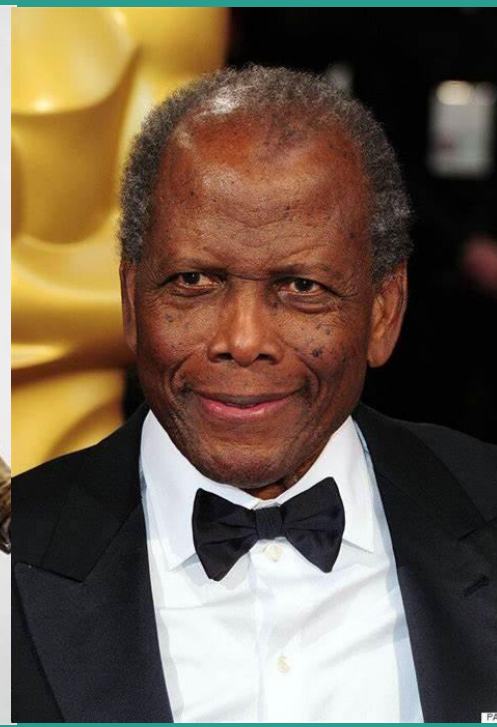
Dave (rapper)

British rapper, singer, songwriter, record
producer and actor



David Orobosa Omoregie, also known as Santan Dave or just Dave, is a British rapper, musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and actor. Dave has gained acclaim for his socially conscious lyricism and wordplay. [Wikipedia](#)

Drama





Art – Black History Month

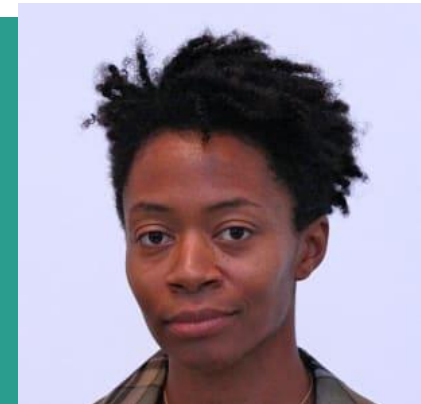


Jean-Michel Basquiat first attracted attention for his graffiti under the name "SAMO" in New York City. He sold sweatshirts and postcards featuring his artwork on the streets before his painting career took off. He collaborated with [Andy Warhol](#) in the mid-1980s, which resulted in a show of their work. Basquiat died on August 12, 1988, in New York City.



Born in Florida in 1892, Augusta Savage began creating art as a child by using the natural clay found in her hometown. After attending Cooper Union in New York City, she made a name for herself as a sculptor during the [Harlem Renaissance](#) and was awarded fellowships to study abroad. Savage later served as a director for the Harlem Community Center and created the monumental work *The Harp* for the 1939 New York World's Fair. She spent most of her later years in Saugerties, New York, before her death from cancer in 1962.

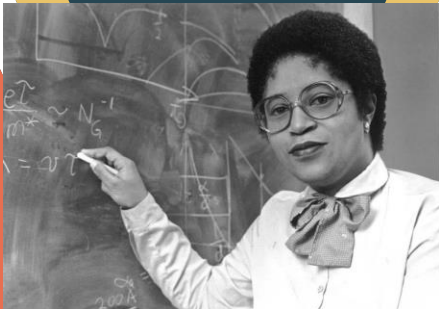
At the Rhode Island School of Design, Kara Walker began working in the silhouette form. In 1994, her work appeared in a new-talent show at the Drawing Center in New York and she became an instant hit. In 1997, she received a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "genius grant." Since then, Walker's work has been exhibited in galleries and museums worldwide.



Technology



Lorraine Pascale is a British television cook and USA Food Network host and former top model, best known for selling almost one million books in the UK alone. Her TV shows are in 70 countries worldwide.



Black inventors made many marks in the fields of computers, telephones, and the Internet. Mark Dean, a noted IBM engineer, led the design team for the ISA bus. He also spearheaded the color computer monitor and was a collaborator on the first gigahertz chip. This eventually allowed computers to connect to devices like printers, monitors, etc.



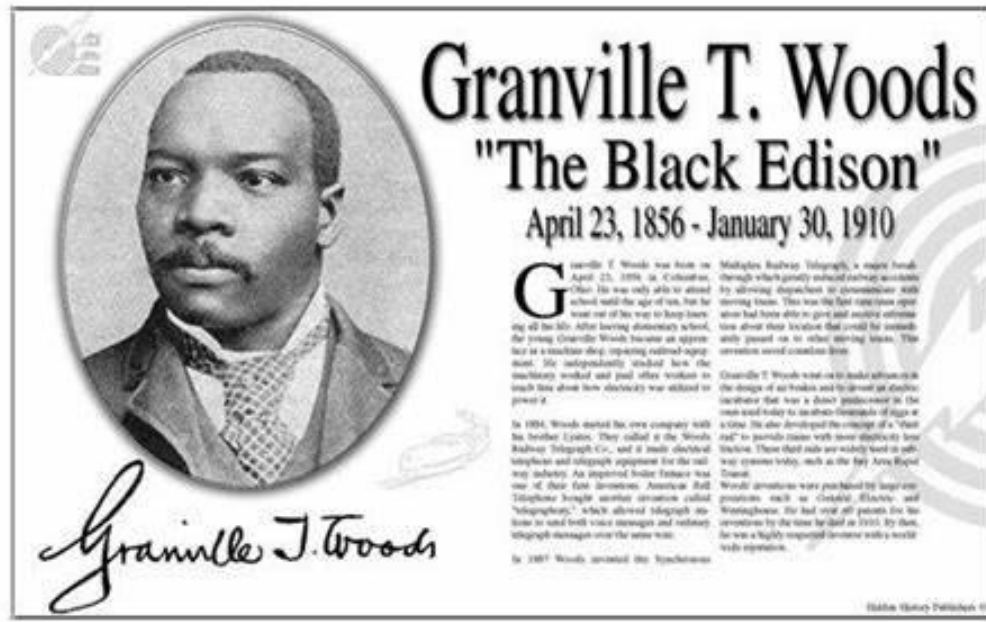
Similarly to other black women in history, Shirley Jackson, contributed multiple advances in her fields. Her work led to fiber optics, touch-tone telephones, caller id, call waiting, and even solar cells.

Otis Boykin invented the pacemaker and also worked with IBM computers. He invented more than 25 electronic devices including chemical air filters, burglar-proof cash registers, and electronic resistors that control missiles.



Willard Wigan- award winning- makes models in the eye of needles-

Computing



Mark Dean began his journey in Jefferson City, Tennessee, where he was born in 1957. His early interest in science led him to major in electrical engineering at Stanford University.

After graduation, he worked for IBM (International Business Machines Corporation) as a systems engineer.

Dean is best known for his work on the IBM personal computer, released in 1981. The first computer to be sold with an internal hard drive and a mouse.



Katherine Johnson, Physicist & Mathematician (b. 1918)

- Starting in 1953, Johnson worked as a "human computer" at NASA, doing calculations essential to the success of many early missions.
- Key to the success of Project Mercury and the Apollo 11 mission. When NASA began using digital computers, she helped confirm the accuracy of those computer calculations.
- Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2015.



PE

Linford Cicero Christie OBE is a Jamaican-born British former sprinter. He is the only British man to have won gold medals in the 100 metres at all four major competitions open to British athletes:

Serena Jameka Williams is an American professional tennis player. She was ranked world No. 1 in singles by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks, including a joint-record 186 consecutive weeks, and finished as the year-end No. 1 five times

Sir Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton MBE HonFREng (born 7 January 1985) is a British racing driver currently competing in Formula One for Mercedes. In Formula One, Hamilton has won a joint-record seven World Drivers' Championship titles (tied with Michael Schumacher), and holds the records for the most wins (103), pole positions (103), and podium finishes (188), among others.

Eldrick Tont "Tiger" Woods (born December 30, 1975) is an American professional golfer. He is tied for first in PGA Tour wins, ranks second in men's major championships, and holds numerous golf records.[4] Woods is widely regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time and is one of the most famous athletes in modern history.[4] He is an inductee of the World Golf Hall of Fame.[5]



Usain St. Leo Bolt, OJ, CD, OLY (born 21 August 1986) is a retired Jamaican sprinter, widely considered to be the greatest sprinter of all time. He is the world record holder in the 100 metres, 200 metres, and 4 × 100 metres relay.

Business Studies



Oprah Winfrey- Her talk shows, movies, magazines, and other ventures have enabled her to become the first-ever Black woman to become a billionaire. Here are some famous Oprah Winfrey Businesses:- talk show, Harpo studios, Oprah.com, O magazine



Rosalind G. Brewer, also known as "Roz", is an American businesswoman serving as the CEO of Walgreens Boots Alliance. With her appointment at Walgreens in March 2021, she is one of only two Black women CEOs of Fortune 500 companies.

Dance

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Otile "Oti" Mabuse (born 8 August 1990)^[5] is a South African talent show judge, presenter, dancer and Latin dance champion currently based in the United Kingdom.^[6] She is best known for being a professional dancer on the British television series Strictly Come Dancing, which she won in 2019 and 2020, and its German equivalent, Let's Dance.^[7] She was a Dance Captain on The Greatest Dancer. Since 2021, she has been a panellist on The Masked Dancer and became a judge on Dancing on Ice in 2022.^[8]

