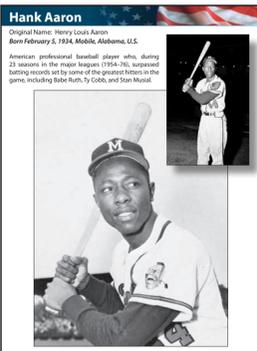


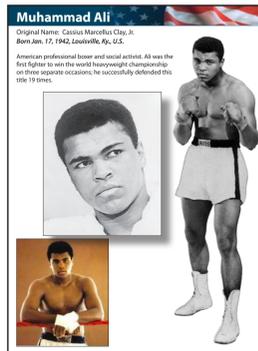
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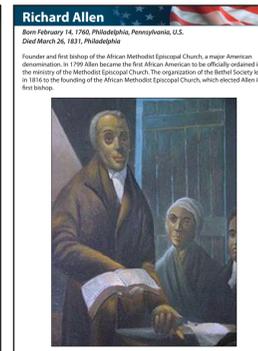
Hank Aaron
 Original Name: Henry Louis Aaron
 Born February 5, 1924, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.
 Died August 29, 2002, Jacksonville, Fla.
 American professional baseball player who, during 23 seasons in the major leagues (1954-76), accumulated batting records by some of the greatest hitters in the professional baseball history (Jacksonville University).



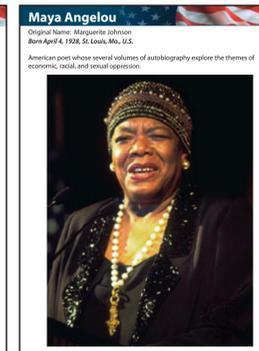
Muhammad Ali
 Original Name: Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.
 Born Jan. 17, 1942, Louisville, Ky., U.S.
 Died June 3, 2011, Louisville, Ky., U.S.
 American professional boxer and social activist. He was the first fighter to win the world heavyweight championship on three separate occasions. He successfully defended this title on five occasions. He was also a vocal supporter of the African American Civil Rights Movement.



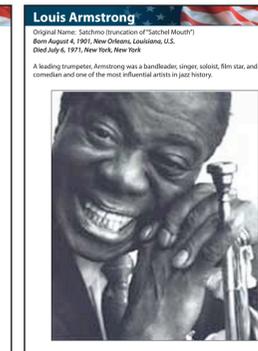
Richard Allen
 Born February 14, 1760, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.
 Died March 26, 1831, Philadelphia
 Founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a major American denomination. In 1796 Allen became the first African American to be officially ordained as the pastor of the Bethel Episcopal Church. The organization of the Bethel Society led to the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which elected Allen its first bishop.



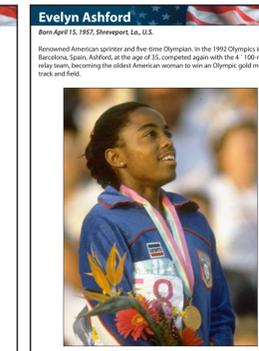
Maya Angelou
 Original Name: Marguerite Johnson
 Born April 4, 1928, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.
 Died Dec. 28, 2014, San Francisco, Calif.
 American poet whose several volumes of autobiography explore the themes of economic, social, and racial oppression.



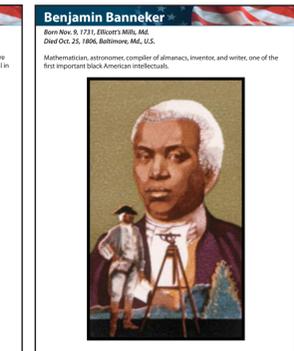
Louis Armstrong
 Original Name: Louis Daniel "Satchel" Armstrong
 Born August 4, 1901, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.
 Died July 6, 1971, New York, New York
 A leading trumpeter, Armstrong was a bandleader, singer, soloist, film star, and comedian and one of the most influential artists in jazz history.



Evelyn Ashford
 Born April 15, 1957, Shreveport, La., U.S.
 Died August 1, 2014, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.
 Renowned American sprinter and five-time Olympian. In the 1993 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, Ashford, at the age of 35, competed against the 100-meter relay team, becoming the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field.



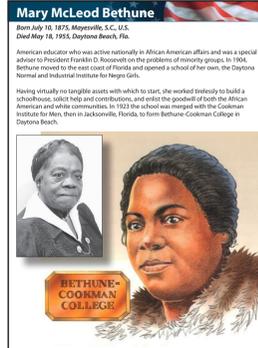
Benjamin Baneker
 Born Nov. 9, 1731, Ellicott Mills, Md.
 Died Oct. 25, 1806, Baltimore, Md., U.S.
 Mathematician, astronomer, compiler of almanacs, inventor, and writer. One of the first important Black American inventors.



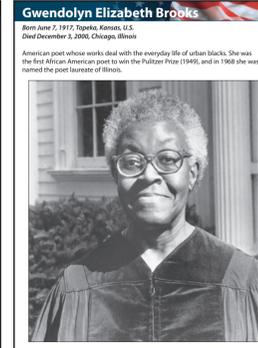
Halle Berry
 Born August 14, 1966, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.
 American film actress. She was the first African American to win the Academy Award for best actress. She received the honor for her excellent portrayal of Leticia Musgrove in a down-on-her-luck character in *Moonlight* (2016).



Mary McLeod Bethune
 Born July 16, 1875, Mayesville, S.C., U.S.
 Died February 2, 2005, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.
 American educator who was active nationally in African American affairs and was a special advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the problems of minority groups. In 1904, Bethune moved to the east coast of Florida and opened a school of her own, the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls.



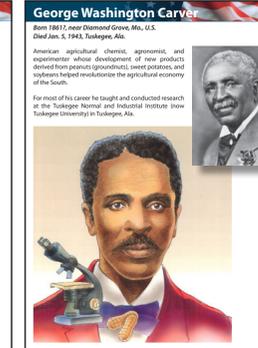
Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks
 Born June 7, 1917, Topeka, Kansas, U.S.
 Died February 12, 2000, Chicago, Illinois
 American poet whose works deal with the everyday life of urban blacks. She was the first African American poet to win the Pulitzer Prize (1949), and in 1968 she was named the poet laureate of Illinois.



James Brown
 Born May 3, 1933, Barnham, S.C., U.S.
 Died Dec. 25, 2006, Atlanta, Ga.
 American singer, songwriter, arranger, and dancer. He was one of the most important and influential entertainers in 20th-century popular music and whose remarkable achievements earned him the sobriquet "the Hardest Working Man in Show Business."



George Washington Carver
 Born 1861, near Diamond Grove, Mo., U.S.
 Died Jan. 5, 1943, Ames, Iowa, U.S.
 American agricultural chemist, agronomist, and experimenter whose development of new products derived from peanuts (groundnuts), sweet potatoes, and soybeans helped revolutionize the agricultural economy of the South.



Ray Charles
 Original Name: Ray Charles Robinson
 Born September 23, 1928, Albany, Georgia, U.S.
 Died June 10, 2004, Beverly Hills, California
 American pianist, singer, composer, and bandleader. A leading black entertainer billed as "The Genius," Charles was credited with the early development of soul music, a style based on a melding of gospel, rhythm and blues, and jazz music.



Shirley Chisholm
 Original Name: Shirley Anita St. Hill
 Born November 26, 1924, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.
 Died January 1, 2005, Oakland Beach, Florida
 American politician, the first African American woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress.



Bessie Coleman
 Original Name: Beulah Marie Coleman
 Born Jan. 26, 1892, Acklinville, Texas, U.S.
 Died April 30, 1926, Jacksonville, Fla.
 African American pilot and a star of early aviation exhibitions and air shows. Coleman signed the first public flight by an African American woman in aviation on Labor Day, September 3, 1910. She became a pilot at an early age, though she refused to perform before segregated audiences in the South.



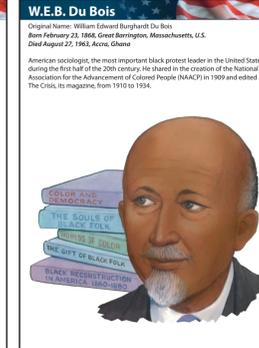
Don Cornelius
 Original Name: Donald Cornelius "Don" Cornelius
 Born September 27, 1936, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.
 Died August 26, 1993, New York, New York, U.S.
 African American television show host and producer who is best known as the host of the nationally syndicated entertainment program, *Soul Train* from 1971-1993. He created the show and still produces it through his production company, Don Cornelius Productions.



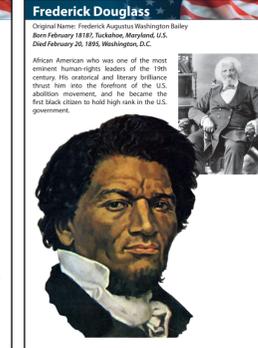
Bill Cosby
 Original Name: William Henry Cosby, Jr.
 Born July 12, 1927, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.
 Died August 20, 2020, Los Angeles, California, U.S.
 American comedian, actor, and producer who played a major role in the development of a more positive portrait of blacks on television. Cosby was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1984. His comedy records earned him eight Grammy awards. In 1986 he won the best-selling book *Bill Cosby*.



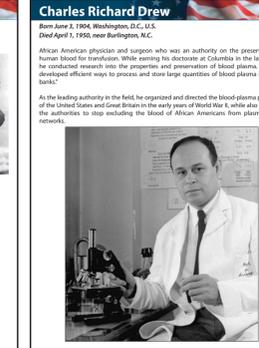
W.E.B. Du Bois
 Original Name: William Edward Burghardt Du Bois
 Born February 23, 1868, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, U.S.
 Died August 27, 1961, Accra, Ghana
 American sociologist, the most important black protest leader in the United States during the first half of the 20th century. He chaired the creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909 and edited *The Crisis*, its magazine, from 1910 to 1934.



Frederick Douglass
 Original Name: Frederick Augustus Johnson
 Born February 14, 1818, Talbotton, Maryland, U.S.
 Died February 20, 1895, Washington, D.C.
 African American who was one of the most important human rights advocates of the 19th century. His oratorical and literary abilities earned him the title of "the greatest orator of his race." He was a leading abolitionist, writer, and became the first Black citizen to hold high rank in the U.S. government.



Charles Richard Drew
 Born Jan. 3, 1896, Newport, D.C., U.S.
 Died April 1, 1950, near Burlington, N.C.
 African American physician and surgeon who was an authority on the preservation of human blood for transfusion. While serving as doctor at Columbia in the late 1930s, he conducted research on the properties and preservation of blood plasma. He soon developed efficient ways to process and store large quantities of blood plasma in "blood banks."



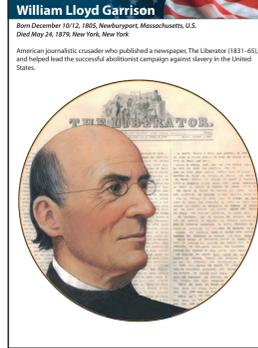
Aretha Franklin
 Original Name: Aretha Louise Franklin
 Born March 25, 1942, Memphis, Tenn., U.S.
 American singer who defined the golden age of soul music of the 1960s. In 1967 Franklin became the first woman to be named *Rolling Stone* the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Her album *Aretha* (1970) was the first by a Black woman to be certified a double platinum record. Franklin was named the Queen of Soul, and in 2009 she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with her performance of My Country 'Tis of Thee at the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama.



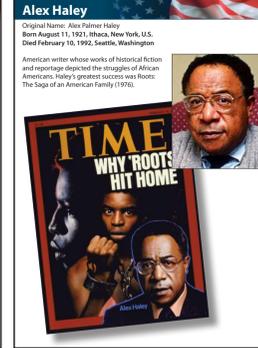
Shirley Clarke Franklin
 Born May 16, 1945, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.
 American politician, a member of the Democratic Party, and, since January 7, 2002, the mayor of Atlanta, Georgia. She is the first Black woman to be elected mayor of any major Southern city. Franklin is the fourth Black woman to be elected mayor of any major Southern city. Franklin is the fourth Black woman to be elected mayor of any major Southern city.



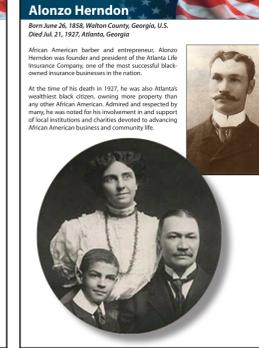
William Lloyd Garrison
 Born December 17/12, 1805, Newburyport, Massachusetts, U.S.
 Died May 24, 1879, New York, New York
 American journalist, orator who published a newspaper, *The Liberator* (1831-65), and helped lead the successful abolitionist campaign against slavery in the United States.



Alex Haley
 Original Name: Alex Palmer Haley
 Born August 11, 1921, Ithaca, New York, U.S.
 Died February 18, 1992, Seattle, Washington
 American writer whose works of historical fiction and reportage depicted the struggles of African Americans. Haley's greatest work was *The Nigger* (1976).



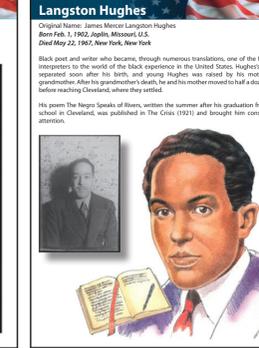
Alonzo Herndon
 Born June 26, 1858, Whitton County, Georgia, U.S.
 Died July 21, 1927, Atlanta, Georgia
 African American banker and entrepreneur. Alonzo Herndon was founder and president of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, one of the most successful Black-owned insurance businesses in the nation.



Lena Horne
 Original Name: Lena Catherine Horne
 Born June 30, 1917, Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.
 Died May 18, 1982, New York, New York
 American singer and actress who first came to fame in the 1940s.



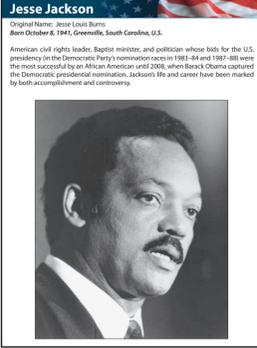
Langston Hughes
 Original Name: James Mercer Langston Hughes
 Born Feb. 1, 1902, Joplin, Missouri, U.S.
 Died May 22, 1967, New York, New York
 Black poet and writer who became, through numerous translations, one of the foremost interpreters to the world of the Black experience in the United States. Hughes' parents separated soon after his birth, and young Hughes was raised by his mother and grandmother. After his grandmother's death, he and his mother moved to a dozen cities before reaching Cleveland, where they settled.



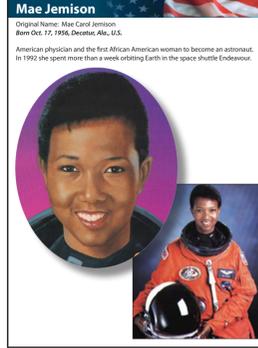
Zora Neale Hurston
 Born January 7, 1891, Eatonville, Florida, U.S.
 Died January 28, 1960, Fort Pierce, Florida
 American folklorist and writer associated with the Harlem Renaissance who celebrated the African American culture of the rural South.



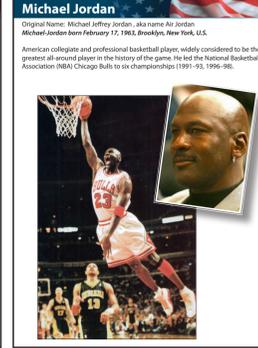
Jesse Jackson
 Original Name: Jesse Louis Burns
 Born October 8, 1941, Greenville, South Carolina, U.S.
 American civil rights leader, Baptist minister, and politician whose bids for the U.S. presidency in the Democratic Party's nomination process in 1980-84 and 1987-88 were the first by an African American and 2008, when Barack Obama captured the Democratic presidential nomination. Jackson's life and career have been marked by both accomplishment and controversy.



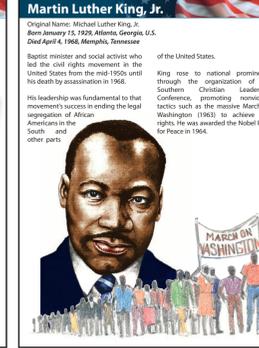
Mae Jemison
 Original Name: Mae Coad Jemison
 Born Oct. 17, 1954, Decatur, Ala., U.S.
 American physicist and the first African American woman to become an astronaut. In 1992 she spent more than a week orbiting Earth in the space shuttle *Endeavour*.



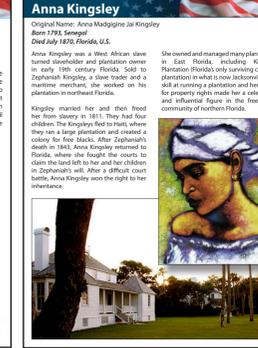
Michael Jordan
 Original Name: Michael Jeffrey Jordan, also name Air Jordan
 Born February 17, 1963, North Carolina, New York, U.S.
 Died April 4, 1998, Memphis, Tennessee
 American collegiate and professional basketball player widely considered to be the greatest of all-time player in the history of the game. He led the National Basketball Association (NBA) Chicago Bulls to six championships (1991-93, 1996-98).



Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Original Name: Michael Luther King, Jr.
 Born January 15, 1929, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.
 Died April 4, 1968, Memphis, Tennessee
 Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968.



Anna Kingsley
 Original Name: Anna Madgidge Jay Kingsley
 Born 1793, Senegal
 Died July 1876, Florida, U.S.
 She owned and managed many plantations in East Florida, including Kingsley Plantation (Florida) only surviving colonial plantation in what is now Jacksonville. Her skill at running a plantation and her battle for property rights made her a celebrated and influential figure in the free Black community of northern Florida.



Lucy Craft Laney
 Born April 13, 1854, Moon, Georgia, U.S.
 Died October 23, 1933
 Daughter of former slaves, Laney was taught by her mother to read at a young age. At the age of 15, she enrolled in Atlanta University. She graduated in 1873 and spent several years working as a teacher before opening her own school, Laney's School, which later became known as Haines Normal and Industrial Institute, started out small with only a handful of students.



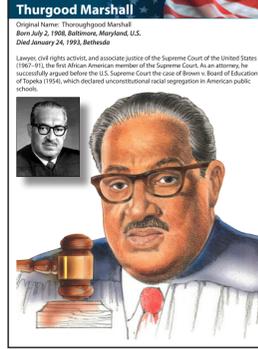
Nelson Mandela
 Original Name: Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
 Born July 18, 1918, Umtata, Cape of Good Hope, S.A.F.
 South African black nationalist and statesman whose long imprisonment (1962-90) and subsequent election to the presidency (1994) symbolized the aspirations of South Africa's black majority. He led the country until 1999.



Mary Mahoney
 Original Name: Mary Mahoney
 Born May 7, 1846, Dorchester, Mass., U.S.
 Died Jan. 4, 1926, Boston, Mass.
 American nurse, the first African American woman to complete the course of professional studies in nursing. One of the first Black members of the Nurses Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada. Subsequently renamed the American Nurses Association, or ANA, she later joined the American Association of Colored Graduate Nurses (AACGN) and addressed its first annual convention in Boston (1908). The association awarded her its membership in 1911 and elected her its national chair.



Thurgood Marshall
 Original Name: Thurgood Marshall
 Born July 2, 1898, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.
 Died January 24, 1993, Bethesda
 Lawyer, civil rights activist, and associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1967-91). The first African American member of the Supreme Court. As an attorney, he successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court the case of Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, which declared unconstitutional racial segregation in American public schools.



Garrett Morgan
 Original Name: Garrett Augustus Morgan, Sr.
 Born March 4, 1877, Paris, Kentucky, U.S.
 Died August 27, 1926, Cleveland, Ohio
 African American inventor who pioneered a respiratory protective hood (similar to the modern gas mask), invented a hair-raisinging preparation, and patented a type of traffic signal. He was recognized for a heroic rescue in which he used his hood to save workers trapped in a tunnel system filled with gas.



Irene Morgan
 Later Known as Irene Morgan Kirkaldy
 Born August 9, 1917
 Died August 18, 2002, Hayes, Virginia
 Important precursor to Rosa Parks in the successful fight to overturn segregation laws in the United States. Like the more famous Parks, but eleven years earlier, in 1944, the 27-year-old Baltimore-born African American was arrested and jailed in Virginia for refusing to give up her seat on an interstate Greyhound bus to a white person in a 1946 landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-1 that Virginia's state law enforcing segregation on interstate buses was illegal.



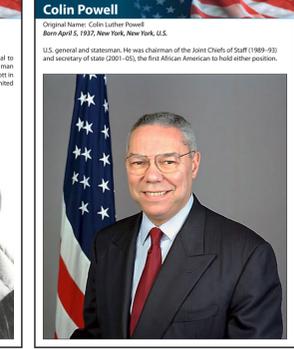
Barack Obama
 Original Name: Barack Hussein Obama II
 Born Aug. 4, 1961, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.
 44th president of the United States (2009-17) and the first African American to hold the office. Before becoming president, Obama represented Illinois in the U.S. Senate (2005-08). He was the first African American to be elected to that body since the end of Reconstruction (1877).



Rosa Parks
 Original Name: Rosa Louise McCauley
 Born February 4, 1917, Tuskegee, Alabama, U.S.
 Died October 24, 2005, Detroit, Michigan
 African American civil rights activist whose refusal to relinquish her seat on a public bus to a white man precipitated the 1955-56 Montgomery bus boycott in Alabama, which is recognized as the spark that triggered the U.S. civil rights movement.



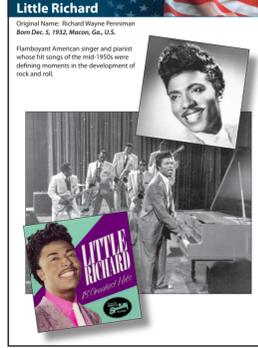
Colin Powell
 Original Name: Colin Luther Powell
 Born April 5, 1927, New York, New York, U.S.
 U.S. general and statesman. He was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-93) and secretary of state (2001-05), the first African American to hold either position.



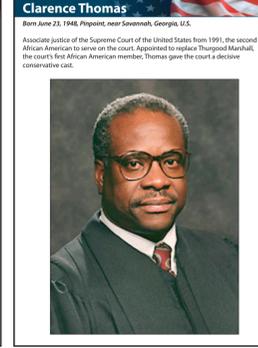
Condoleezza Rice
 Born Nov. 14, 1954, Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.
 American educator and politician who served as national security adviser (2001-03) and secretary of state (2005-09) to Pres. George W. Bush.



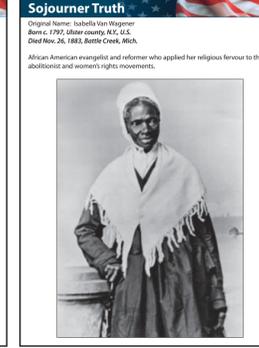
Little Richard
 Original Name: Richard Wayne Penniman
 Born Dec. 5, 1932, Macon, Ga., U.S.
 Died May 9, 2020, Hickory Grove, Ga., U.S.
 Flamboyant American singer and pianist whose hit songs of the mid-1950s were defining moments in the development of rock and roll.



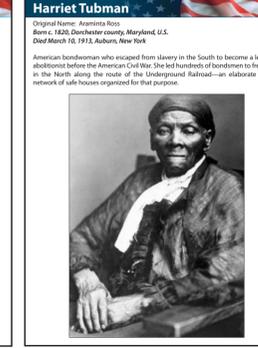
Clarence Thomas
 Born June 23, 1948, Philadelphia, West Chester, Ohio, U.S.
 Associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1991, the second African American to serve on the court. Appointed to replace Thurgood Marshall, the court's first African American member, Thomas gave the court a decisive conservative cast.



Sojourner Truth
 Original Name: Isabella Van Wageningen
 Born c. 1797, Ulster county, N.Y., U.S.
 Died Nov. 26, 1875, Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada
 African American evangelist and reformer who applied her religious fervor to the abolitionist and women's rights movements.



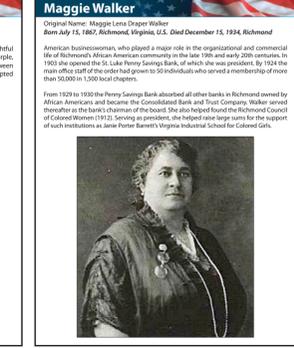
Harriet Tubman
 Original Name: Araminta Ross
 Born c. 1820, Dorchester county, Maryland, U.S.
 Died March 10, 1913, Auburn, New York
 American bondswoman who escaped from slavery in the South to become a leading abolitionist before the American Civil War. She led hundreds of bondswomen to freedom in the North along the route of the Underground Railroad—an elaborate secret network of safe houses organized for that purpose.



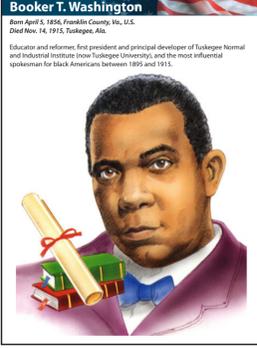
Alice Walker
 Original Name: Alice Kolton Walker
 Born Feb. 9, 1944, Eatonton, Ga., U.S.
 American writer whose novels, short stories, and poems are noted for their insightful treatment of African American culture. Her novels, most notably *The Color Purple*, depicts the growing up and self-realization of an African American woman between 1900 and 1940 in a South Georgia. The book won a Pulitzer Prize and was adapted into a film by Steven Spielberg in 1985.



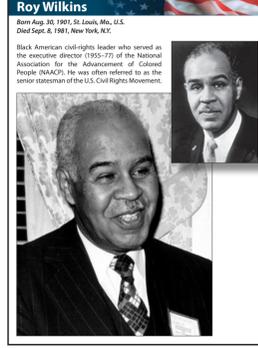
Maggie Walker
 Original Name: Maggie Lena Draper Walker
 Born July 15, 1867, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.
 Died December 15, 1934, Richmond
 American businesswoman, who played a major role in the organizational and commercial life of Richmond's African American community in the 1890s and early 20th century. In 1903 she opened the S. L. Haynes Savings Bank of which she was president. By 1924 the main office of the bank had grown to 100 individuals who served a membership of more than 50,000 in 1,500 local chapters.



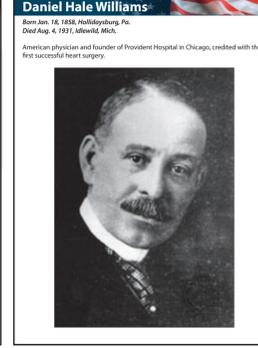
Booker T. Washington
 Born Nov. 14, 1856, Franklin County, Va., U.S.
 Died Sept. 14, 1915, Tuskegee, Ga.
 Educator and reformer, first president and principal developer of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University) and the most influential spokesman for Black Americans between 1889 and 1915.



Roy Wilkins
 Born Aug. 30, 1901, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.
 Died Sept. 4, 1981, New York, N.Y.
 Black American civil rights leader who served as the executive director (1957-77) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was often referred to as the senior statesman of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.



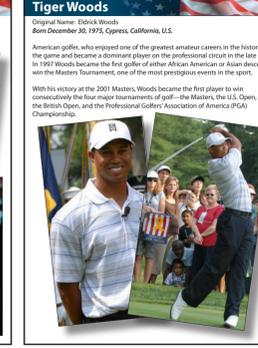
Daniel Hale Williams
 Born Jan. 16, 1856, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.
 Died Aug. 4, 1931, Montreal, Quebec
 American physician and founder of Provident Hospital in Chicago, credited with the first successful heart surgery.



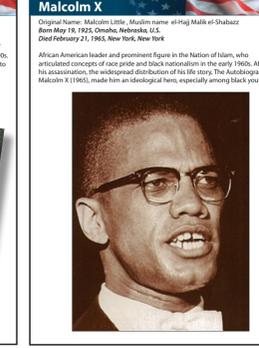
Oprah Winfrey
 Born January 29, 1954, Kosciusko, Mississippi, U.S.
 Died March 26, 2023, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.
 American television personality, actress, and entrepreneur whose syndicated daily talk show was among the most popular of the genre. She became one of the richest and most influential women in the United States.



Tiger Woods
 Original Name: Eldon Woods
 Born December 30, 1975, Cypress, California, U.S.
 American golfer who enjoyed one of the greatest amateur careers in the history of the game and became a dominant player on the professional circuit in the late 1990s. In 1997 Woods won the first of five major golf titles for African American and Asian descent to win the Masters Tournament, one of the most prestigious events in the sport.



Malcolm X
 Original Name: Malcolm Little, Muslim name of Hajj Malik al-Shabazz
 Born May 19, 1925, Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.
 Died February 21, 1965, New York, New York
 African American leader and prominent figure in the Nation of Islam, who articulated concepts of race pride and Black nationalism in the early 1960s. After his assassination, the widespread distribution of his 16-hour *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* (1965) made him an ideological hero, especially among Black youth.



Andrew Young
 Original Name: Andrew Jackson Young, Jr.
 Born March 12, 1929, New Orleans, La., U.S.
 American politician, civil rights leader, and diplomat. A pastor at several Black churches in the South, Young became active in the civil rights movement—especially in voter registration drives. He was an early supporter of Jimmy Carter, and after Carter's victory in the 1976 presidential election, Andrew Young was made the United States ambassador to the United Nations.

