

# AFRICAN AMERICANS STICKER BOOK

BUILD YOUR OWN HISTORY BOOK



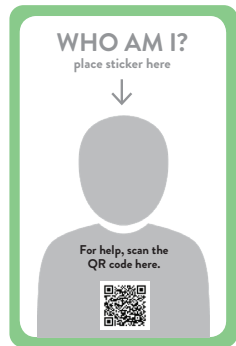
The most fun you will have  
learning about important African  
Americans throughout history!

# HOW IT WORKS

This **Build Your Own History** Sticker Book contains some of the most interesting, important, influential and inspiring African Americans in the history of the world. Have fun while sticking and strive to reach your own potential to have a sticker made of you someday!

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Each page of this sticker book has a **COLOR THEME** & each sticker belongs in one specific spot. Figure out which one goes where!



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**STICKERS** come in sheets of 9... notice that their different color backgrounds match the page on which it belongs.



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**BUT HOW?** For example, read a description in a section & try to match the correct colored sticker.



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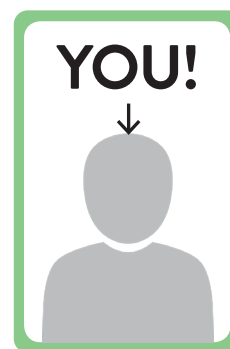
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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
You have **Built Your Own History Book!**



# HISTORY'S NEXT GREAT STICKER!

This inspirational history book belongs to:

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Yes, be a proud part of  
your own HISTORY BOOK!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Sports/Hobby: \_\_\_\_\_

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What I want to be when I grow up: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Dedicated to the life and memory of Stevie Nicholson, an inspiration to all who knew him.*

## BARACK OBAMA



**Born** August 4, 1961 in HI

- 1st African American elected President of the United States.
- Introduced the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), guaranteeing healthcare for all Americans.
- Accomplished author, writing *The Audacity of Hope* and *Dreams from My Father*.
- Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize & twice named TIME Person of the Year.

“ Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for...”

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**Born** Nov. 30, 1924 in NY | **Died** 2005

- 1st African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress and to run for President.
- Served seven terms in Congress and helped form the Black Caucus.
- Before and after politics, was a teacher and proponent for the importance of equal education and employment opportunities.

“ In the end, anti-black, anti-female and all forms of discrimination are equivalent to the same thing, anti-humanism.”



# HISTORIC POLITICAL LEADERS

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**Born** Feb. 21, 1936 in TX | **Died** 1996

- 1st African American congresswoman from the deep south and 1st woman elected to the Texas Senate, where she helped pass their first minimum wage law.
- Before politics, she taught and practiced law.
- Was a House Judiciary member during the Watergate scandal and a powerful, motivational speaker.
- Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ We, as human beings, must be willing to accept people who are different from ourselves.”

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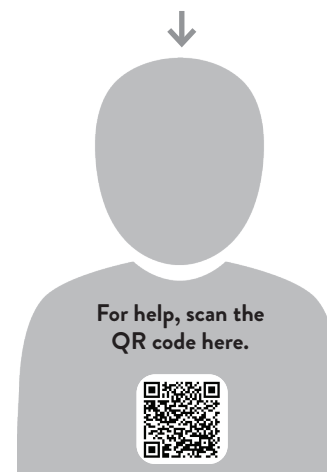
**Born** Sep. 27, 1827 in NC | **Died** 1901

- 1st African American to serve in the U.S. Senate, where he fought for school and workplace integration for black students and workers.
- Minister of African Methodist Episcopal Church who organized 2 African American regiments for the Union Army during the Civil War.

“ I am true to my own race. I wish to see all done that can be done... to assist them...in becoming intelligent, enlightened, useful, valuable citizens.”

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**Born** February 21, 1940 in AL | **Died** 2020

- One of the “Big 6” civil rights activists who led the “Bloody Sunday” march.
- Influential congressman who fought to improve healthcare, poverty & education, and especially the restoration of the Voting Rights Act.
- Won the National Book Award for a novel inspiring young people to be active in the Civil Rights Movement.
- Received Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ Never give in. Never become hostile...Hate is too big a burden to bear.”

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**Born** November 14, 1954 in AL

- 1st African American woman to serve as U.S Secretary of State and National Security Advisor.
- Special assistant to President George H.W. Bush during Soviet Union dissolution and German reunification.
- Has written a number of books, including *No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington*.

“ The day has to come when it’s not a surprise that a woman has a powerful position.

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**Born** July 2, 1908 in MD | **Died** 1993

- 1st African American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Graduated magna cum laude from Howard University after being rejected from other law schools because of his race.
- Victorious lawyer in the landmark civil rights case of *Brown v. Board of Education*.
- Worked for National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

“ In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.

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**Born** Aug. 1, 1941 in Washington, D.C.

**Died** 1996

- U.S. Secretary of Commerce under President Bill Clinton, the 1st African American to serve in that position.
- Also served as Chairperson for the Democratic National Committee and Chief Counsel for Senate Judiciary Committee.
- U.S. Army veteran who served in South Korea and Germany.
- Received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation and has two awards named in his honor.

“ Great teams work harder after a tough loss.



# GOVERNMENT FIGURES

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**Born** May 31, 1924 in IL | **Died** 1985

- 1st African American woman to serve in a U.S. President’s cabinet.
- Served on the boards of the NAACP at Howard University, IBM and Chase Manhattan Bank.
- Appointed co-chair of the National Women’s Committee for Civil Rights, and then the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

“ If my life has any meaning at all, it is that those who start out as outcasts can wind up as being part of the system.

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**Born** May 21, 1959 in NC

- 1st African American woman U.S. Attorney General, she served under President Barack Obama.
- Her family was involved in the Civil Rights Movement and she graduated from Harvard Law School.
- Noted for her professionalism and her ability to always remain calm & focused.

“ Voting is how we participate in a civic society..the way we teach our children...how to be citizens, and the importance of their voice.

## GUION BLUFORD JR.



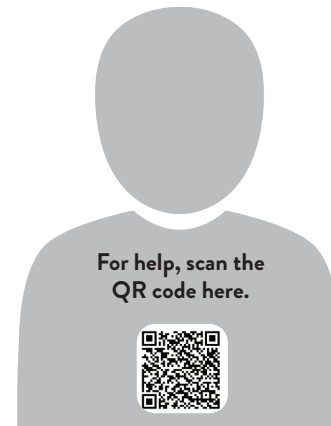
**Born** Nov. 22, 1942 in PA

- Flew 144 combat missions in Vietnam War and awarded Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.
- NASA astronaut on the space shuttle Challenger and 1st African American to travel in space (1979).
- Inducted into the International Space Hall of Fame & U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame.

“ I felt an awesome responsibility... but the important thing is not that I’m black, but that I did a good job as a scientist and an astronaut.”

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**Born** May 6, 1812 in WV, into slavery  
**Died** 1885

- Became one of the highest-ranking African Americans officers (Major) in the Civil War.
- He founded *The Mystery*, an African American newspaper.
- Led the Vigilance Committee that helped relocate escaped slaves, even traveling to Africa to negotiate land for freed slaves to return there.

“ If we treated everyone we meet with the same affection we bestow upon our favorite cat, they, too, would purr.”



# U.S. MILITARY LEADERS

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**Born** April 5, 1937 in NYC | **Died** 2021

- U.S. Secretary of State and, previously, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both firsts for an African American.
- Awarded 11 military decorations, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Soldier’s Medal.
- Commanded his college ROTC unit, steering his interest in the military.
- Began program called *America’s Promise* to help kids, schools & communities.

“ There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

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**Born** Feb. 11, 1920 in FL | **Died** 1978

- 1st African American to become a Four-Star General.
- Served in World War II (with the all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron), the Korean War and the Vietnam War, flying over 175 combat missions.
- Became commander of NORAD/ADCOM in Colorado.
- Received the Distinguished Service Medal and the George Washington Freedom Foundation Medal.

“ The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand, and nobody cares about its color.”

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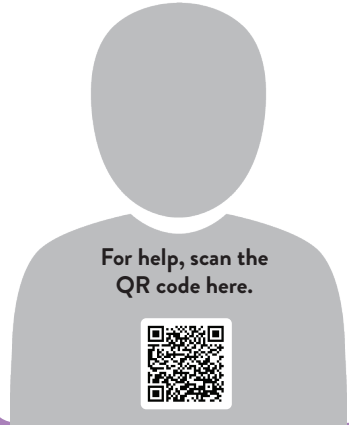
**Born** Dec. 17, 1919 in WY | **Died** 2010

- WWII U.S. Army officer who received the Medal of Honor (MOH), the highest military award, in addition to the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.
- Awarded MOH after study showed racial discrimination in awarding MOHs during WWII.
- Worked for American Red Cross for 20 years after serving in the military.

“ Give respect before you expect it. Treat people the way you want to be treated.”

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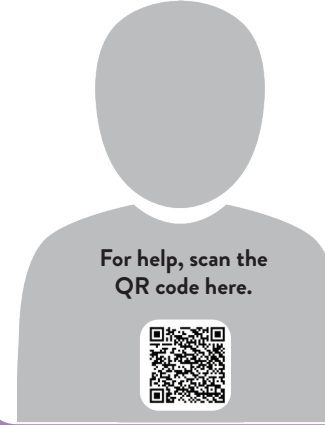
**Born** Oct. 8, 1941 in SC

- Reverend and civil rights activist who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and witnessed his assassination.
- Graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary and founder of the National Rainbow Coalition, which advocated equal rights for African Americans, women and those in the LGBT community.
- 2nd African American to ever run for President.
- Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ Never look down on anybody unless you’re helping him up.

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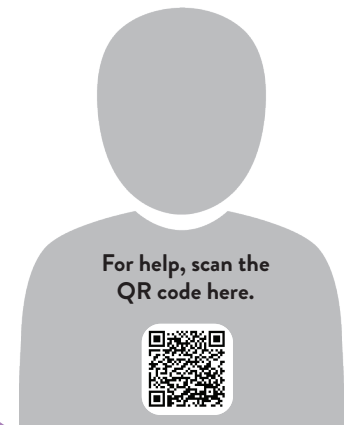
**Born** July 14, 1941 in MD

- Civil Rights activist who created Kwanzaa, a pan-African holiday based around agricultural activities and which celebrates African culture.
- Changed his first name to mean “master teacher” and his last name to mean “keeper of tradition” in Swahili-Arabic.
- Published many books, including *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*.

“ It is Martin (Luther) King who taught that a real moral struggle seeks to win partners, not to leave victims.

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**Born** Feb. 14, 1760 in PA | **Died** 1831

- Slave who bought his freedom (for \$2,000 in 1783) and whose “Manumission” (freedom document) was the first on public record.
- Founder of *Free African Society*, a non-denominational religious group with Reverend Absalom Jones, and Bethel Church, an Episcopal church which was a stop along the Underground Railroad.
- First African American ordained in the ministry of Methodist Episcopal Church.

“ Just learn from your mistakes...and forgive yourself...and better yourself.



# RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL GREATS

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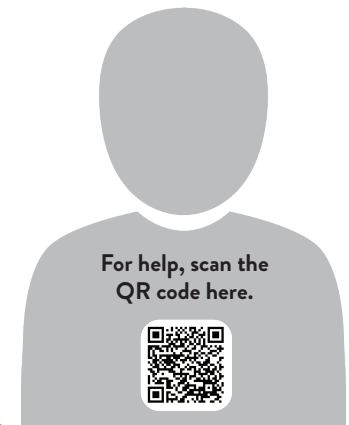
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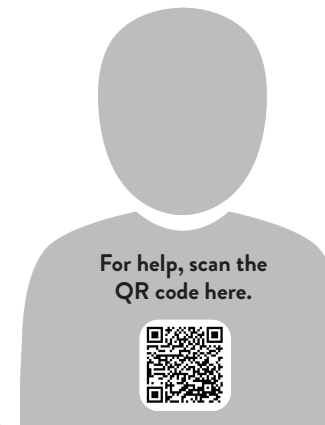
**Born** Oct. 3, 1954 in NYC

- Ordained minister at age 10 and founder of the *National Youth Movement*.
- Active protester against injustice and mistreatment of African Americans.
- Host of the tv program *PoliticsNation* and radio show *Keepin’ it Real*.
- Ignores his critics and damage to his reputation by remaining true to his principles.

“ The dream was not to put one black family in the White House, the dream was to make everything equal in everybody’s house.

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**Born** Oct. 7, 1897 in GA | **Died** 1975

- Led the *Nation of Islam* from 1934-1975.
- Follower of Wallace D. Fard, who was preaching a new form of Islam to fit African Americans’ lives.
- Imprisoned for evading the draft but became mentor to Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X and others.
- Had many commercial enterprises, like the popular newspaper *Muhammad Speaks*.

“ Love of self comes first. The one who loves everybody is the one who does not love anyone.

## HARRIET TUBMAN



**Born** c.1822 in MD | **Died** 1913

- “Conductor” of the Underground Railroad who led hundreds of slaves to freedom during the Civil War era.
- Considered the 1st African American woman to serve in the military, as a nurse and spy.
- Nicknamed “Moses” for her leadership abilities.

“ I had reasoned this out in my mind, there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other.

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**Born** Feb. 23, 1868 in MA | **Died** 1963

- Co-founded National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and 1st African American to earn a PhD from Harvard.
- Rose to prominence by opposing Booker T. Washington’s “Atlanta Compromise.”
- Published *The Souls of Black Folk*.
- Strong supporter of women’s rights.
- Died one day before MLK gave his “I Have a Dream” speech.

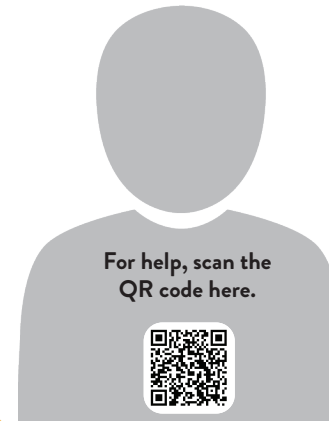
“ The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.



# CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS & LEADERS

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**Born** Mar. 24, 1912 in VA | **Died** 2010

- President of the National Council of Negro Women who also directed racial integration of all YMCA facilities.
- Vocal critic against lynching and also strong women’s rights advocate.
- Helped organize march on Washington D.C. for MLK’s “I Have a Dream” speech.
- Called “The godmother of the civil rights movement” by President Obama and awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life.

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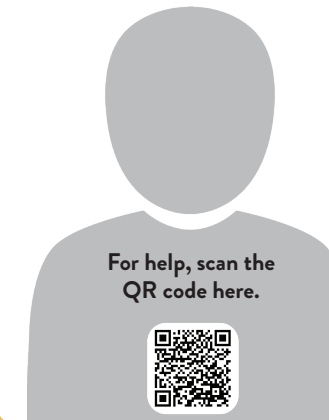
**Born** May 19, 1925 in NE  
**Assassinated** 1965

- Minister who led *Nation of Islam*, which combined Islam with black nationalism.
- Experienced a poor, troubled upbringing which led him to convert to Islam in prison.
- Articulate, outspoken speaker who encouraged African Americans to physically (and violently, if needed) object to racial injustice.

“ Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

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**Born** Jul. 16, 1862 in MS | **Died** 1931

- Journalist, editor, and feminist who helped found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
- Gained prominence as an anti-lynching reporter and activist.
- Born into slavery and faced racial prejudices and family tragedy as a child.
- Dragged off a train for refusing to give up her seat deepened her resolve to fight for equal rights.

“ The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.



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**Born** 1797 in NY | **Died** 1883

- Born into slavery as Isabella Baumfree, she became one of the best-known abolitionists and women's rights supporters.
- One of the 1st African American woman to successfully challenge a white man in a U.S. Court.
- Gave powerful speech "Ain't I a Woman?" at 1851 Women's Rights Convention.
- Recruited African Americans for the Civil War and passionately fought against slavery, for women's rights and for prison reform.

“ Truth is powerful and it prevails.

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**Born** Jan. 15, 1929 in GA | **Assassinated** 1968

- Reverend known as the most prominent leader of the U.S. civil rights movement.
- Led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in support of Rosa Parks.
- Adhered to Gandhi's philosophy of non-violent protest, despite the violence against him.
- Organized Washington D.C. march where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

“ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

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**Born** Sep. 5, 1939 in AL

- Arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white woman, helping lead to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- "I felt like Sojourner Truth was pushing down on one shoulder & Harriet Tubman...on the other, saying 'Sit down girl!'"
- Her case influenced *Browder v. Gayle*, which ruled segregated buses were unconstitutional.

“ I knew then and I know now, when it comes to justice, there is no easy way to get it.

# CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS & LEADERS

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**Born** Feb. 14, 1818 in MD | **Died** 1895

- American abolitionist, suffragist, author, editor, orator and diplomat.
- Born a slave and educated by his owner's wife, he became a prominent national speaker against slavery and for women's rights.
- Served as ambassador to Dominican Republic and consul-general to Republic of Haiti.
- 1st African-American to run for Vice President of the U.S.

“ If there is no struggle, there is no progress.

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**Born** Oct. 2, 1800 in VA | **Died** 1831

- Slave whose owner helped educate him in reading, writing and religion.
- Became deeply religious and had spiritual visions of a violent conflict between black and white spirits.
- Recruited other slaves to rise up in rebellion against their owners during a violent killing spree.
- Captured, brought before a judge and hanged with co-conspirators.
- His rebellion caused fear and helped kindle the beginning of the Civil War.

## KATHERINE JOHNSON



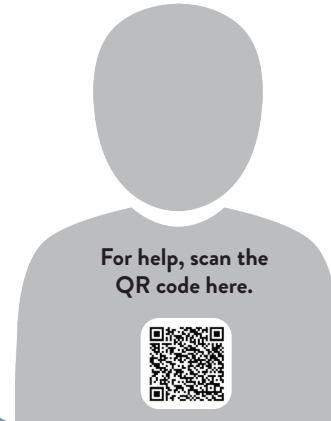
Born Aug. 26, 1918 in WV | Died 2020

- Pioneering physicist & mathematician who was a “human computer,” calculating rocket trajectories & emergency return paths for NASA to safely get Americans into (& back from) space.
- So highly regarded that Astronaut John Glenn (first American to orbit the Earth) refused to fly until she had verified the flight path.
- Portrayed in 2016 film *Hidden Figures* and awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ You are no better than anyone else, and no one is better than you.

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Born Oct. 1, 1939 in OH | Died 2020

- Inventor of the UV Camera (spectrograph), which was used by Apollo 16 astronauts on the moon.
- Built his first telescope at 10 years old but lost his father just 2 years later.
- Also invented a camera used on the 1991 space shuttle mission and helped create the Science & Engineers Apprentice Program.
- Awarded NASA’s Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal, National Medal of Technology & Innovation and is in the National Inventors Hall of Fame.



# INVENTORS & SCIENTISTS

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Born early 1860’s in MO | Died 1943

- Scientist and inventor who introduced new agricultural methods to improve the lives of poor farmers.
- Born into slavery, kidnapped and sold, he educated himself and ultimately graduated from college.
- Developed over 300 new products to help diversify crops, improve diet and conserve land.
- Honored with the 1st national memorial to an African American.

“ Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

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Born Nov. 4, 1942 in NYC | Died 2019

- 1st African American to complete a residency in Ophthalmology and 1st African American female doctor to receive a medical patent (invented the Laserphaco Probe for cataracts).
- Graduated high school in only 2 years.
- Through fellowship at Columbia Univ., discovered African Americans were twice as likely to suffer from blindness.
- Co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

“ Remember that the limits of science are not the limits of imagination.

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Born Mar. 4, 1877 in KY | Died 1963

- Inventor of the gas mask and the modern-day traffic signal (which he sold to General Electric for \$40,000).
- Also invented a hair-straightening chemical and received a patent for a new sewing machine.
- Educated only through elementary school, he endured racism and prejudice throughout his life.
- Strong African American community supporter, donor, and NAACP member.

“ If you can be the best, then why not try to be the best?

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**Born** Apr. 8, 1946 in MS

- 1st African American to become a billionaire when he co-founded and sold Black Entertainment Television (BET), the 1st cable TV network specifically targeting African Americans.
- BET was also the 1st African American-owned company to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
- Has degrees from Univ. of Illinois and Princeton University and charitable works.
- Also invested in sports and film industries, as well as humanitarian initiatives.

“ The world is run by those who show up.

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**Born** Feb. 18, 1965 in CA

- Born Andre Romelle Young, was owner and recording artist for Death Row Records, then founded Aftermath Entertainment and Beats Electronics.
- Has overseen careers of Snoop Dogg, Eminem and 50 Cent, among others.
- Experienced gang violence and unstable home life during youth.
- Became “richest man in Hip-Hop” after selling Beats to Apple in 2014.

“ I’m never gonna stop music, it’s like air to me.

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**Born** Dec. 23, 1867 in LA | **Died** 1919

- One of the most successful African American businesswomen.
- Born Sarah Breedlove, she was an orphan by 7 years old and lost her hair due to illness.
- Began experimenting with ways to grow it back, which turned into her company selling personal care products for African Americans.
- Amassed great wealth and became a philanthropist and social activist.

“ If I have accomplished anything in life it is because I have been willing to work hard.



# ENTREPRENEURS & BUSINESS LEADERS

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**Born** Sep. 2, 1766 in PA | **Died** 1842

- Master sailmaker who used his wealth and success to help abolish slavery and fight for African Americans’ rights.
- Refused to put sails on any ships that were involved in the slave trade.
- Served in Revolutionary War at age 15.
- Also supported women’s suffrage and the right to vote.

“ It seems almost incredible that the advocates of liberty should conceive of the idea of selling a fellow creature to slavery.

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**Born** Apr. 7, 1872 in OH | **Died** 1934

- Harvard graduate and 1st African American accepted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.
- Successful in real estate before founding *The Guardian* newspaper.
- Outspoken advocate for civil rights who helped form the NAACP but left to start the National Equal Rights League.
- Stowed away to attend Paris Peace Conference in 1919, against President Wilson’s orders.
- Also co-founded Boston Literary & Historical Assoc. and the National Negro Suffrage League.

## LANGSTON HUGHES



Born Feb. 1, 1902 in MO | Died 1967

- Poet, novelist and playwright who focused on African American themes.
- Dropped out of Columbia and worked as a steward on a freighter.
- Inspired by Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman, he helped create a new type of art form called “jazz poetry.”
- Famous works include the poem *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* and the musical *Street Scene*.

“ Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.”

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Born Feb. 18, 1931 in OH | Died 2019

- Award-winning author known for her unique insight into the experience of African Americans.
- Enthralled by reading and storytelling as a child.
- 1st black woman awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature and her famous novel *Beloved* won a Pulitzer Prize.
- Also wrote children’s books with her son Slade.

“ If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn’t been written yet, you must be the one to write it.”



# AUTHORS, POETS & PLAYWRIGHTS

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Born Jan. 7, 1891 in AL | Died 1960

- Anthropologist, author and playwright whose work explored the culture of the rural South.
- Daughter of two former slaves, her most famous works are *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and a play called *Mule Bone: A Comedy of Negro Life*.
- Her peer Alice Walker (author of *The Color Purple*) called her “A Genius of the South.”

“ Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.”

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Born Sep. 4, 1908 in MS | Died 1960

- Author best-known for classics *Black Boy* and *Native Son*, which focused on the issues of race relations.
- Raised in poverty and without a father, used his white co-worker’s library card to take out books.
- *Native Son* was selected for the Book-of-the-Month Club, the first book by a black writer ever selected.

“ Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.”

## WHO AM I?

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Born Jun. 7, 1943 in TN

- One of the most well-known African American poets and writers, her works were influenced by the civil rights movement and motherhood.
- Key member of the Black Arts Movement, created to support and empower black artists.
- Has won over 50 awards, including multiple NAACP Image Awards.
- Named a Living Legend by Oprah!

“ Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.”

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**Born** May 26, 1926 in IL | **Died** 1991

- The “Picasso of Jazz” is among the most influential & important figures in 20th century music.
- For 5 decades he played the piano, flugelhorn, organ & synthesizer but is best known as a jazz trumpeter.
- His album “*Kind Of Blue*” is the #1 best-selling jazz album in history.
- Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award after 32 nominations and 8 Grammy Awards.

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**Born** Oct. 18, 1926 in MO | **Died** 2017

- A pioneer and legendary showman of rock & roll.
- Famous for “*Johnny B. Goode*” and his one-legged hop routine known as the “duck walk.”
- Fought racism and his own self-inflicted wounds throughout his life.
- Among the 1st inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1986 and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

“ It’s amazing how much you can learn if your intentions are truly earnest.”

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**Born** Apr. 25, 1917 in VA | **Died** 1996

- American jazz singer called the “First Lady of Song” and “Queen of Jazz.”
- Debuted at age 17 at the Apollo Theater in NYC and noted for her scat style singing.
- Over a 60+ year career, worked with greats like Louis Armstrong & Duke Ellington, recording over 2,000 songs and winning 13 Grammy Awards.
- Also received the NAACP Equal Justice Award for using her fame to promote civil rights & racial equality.



# ARTISTS & ENTERTAINERS

## WHO AM I?

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**Born** Mar. 26, 1944 in MI

- Singer, songwriter, actress and producer named “Female Entertainer of the Century” by Billboard magazine.
- Lead singer of Motown’s *The Supremes*, the most successful vocal group in U.S. history.
- Earned 18 #1 singles and has sold over 100 million records worldwide.
- Best actress nominee for Academy and Golden Globe Awards.
- Inducted into Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and Presidential Medal of Honor recipient.

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**Born** Nov. 27, 1942 in WA | **Died** 1970

- Considered the greatest rock guitarist of all time, his unique sound and electric performances changed rock & roll forever.
- Also a singer & songwriter whose 1st instruments were a 1-string ukulele and \$5 acoustic guitar.
- A U.S. Army paratrooper too but got hurt and was honorably discharged.
- Influenced & inspired by B.B. King, Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Elvis.
- His band was inducted into the Rock & Roll and R&B Halls of Fame.

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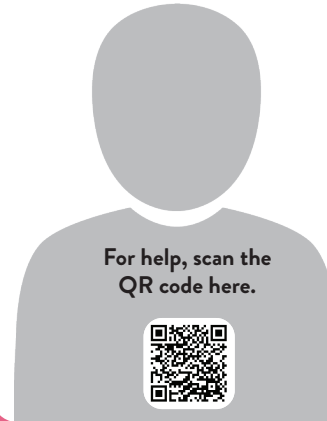
**Born** Jun. 23, 1940 in TN | **Died** 1994

- “The fastest woman in the world” was the 1st American woman to win 3 gold medals at the same Olympic games (Rome, 1960).
- Born prematurely, she had scarlet fever, pneumonia and polio and was told she may never walk again.
- However, she persevered and by 16 had won an Olympic bronze medal.
- Was also strong supporter for women’s & civil rights.

“ I believe in me more than anything in this world.

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**Born** Jan. 17, 1942 in KY | **Died** 2016

- “The Greatest” was a champion boxer considered one of the greatest athletes, personalities and activists of the 20th century.
- Born Cassius Clay but converted to Islam & changed his name.
- Won Olympic gold in 1960 and was heavyweight champ 3 times.
- Outspoken civil rights activist who refused U.S. military service and was arrested, found guilty & stripped of his titles.

“ He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.



# TRANSCENDENT SPORTS LEGENDS

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**Born** Sep. 12, 1913 in AL | **Died** 1980

- Track & field star who won 4 gold medals at 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
- His performance crushed Hitler’s myth of African American inferiority.
- A sharecropper’s son who regularly endured racial discrimination.
- Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Medal of Honor.

“ The battles that count aren’t the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself - the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us - that’s where it’s at.

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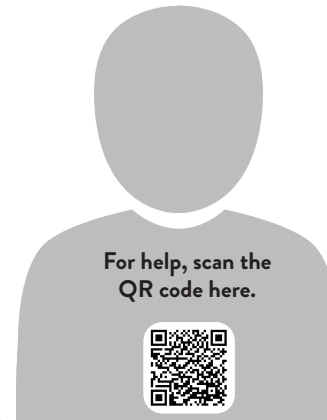
**Born** Jul. 10, 1943 in VA | **Died** 1993

- 1st African American tennis player ranked #1, chosen for U.S. Davis Cup team and only black man to win U.S. Open, Wimbledon & Australian Open singles titles.
- Lost his mother as a child and later contracted HIV from a blood transfusion.
- Spent rest of life inspiring others and raising awareness for AIDS.
- Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.

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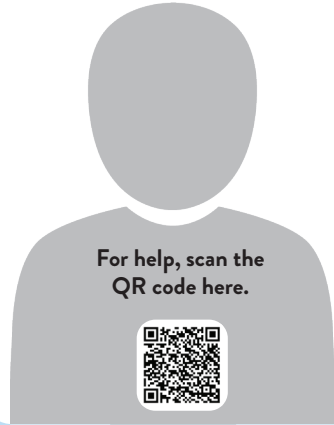
**Born** Jan. 31, 1919 in GA | **Died** 1972

- 1st African American to play Major League Baseball, breaking the “color barrier” with the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- Withstood verbal and physical abuse to prove racial integration in baseball was bigger than himself.
- 1st black Baseball Hall of Famer & his #42 was retired by all teams.
- Key figure in the civil rights movement and awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.

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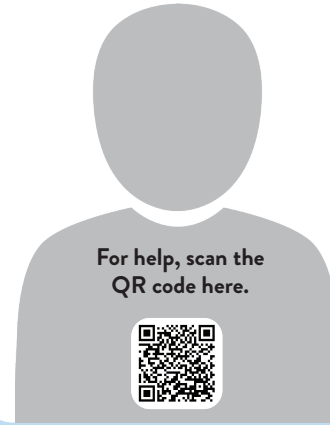
**Born** Apr. 5, 1856 in VA | **Died** 1915

- Prominent author, educator and orator who fought for civil rights and founded Tuskegee University.
- Born poor, into slavery and without a father, he worked to support his family & taught himself to read and write.
- Walked 500 miles to enroll in agriculture school, where his impressive determination earned him a scholarship.
- Wrote 14 books, including *Up from Slavery* about his personal battles.

“ If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

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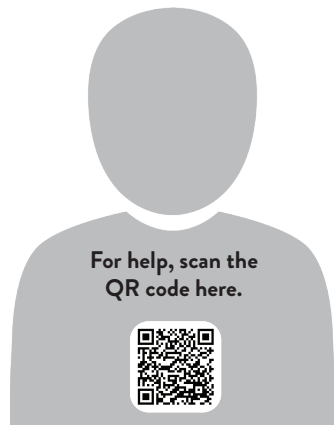
**Born** Jan. 29, 1954 in MS

- Entertainer, entrepreneur and activist, she's one of the richest and most philanthropic African Americans in U.S. history.
- Born into poverty to a single teenage mom, she had the highest-rated TV program of its kind in history.
- Won Presidential Medal of Freedom and the 1st African American woman to win the Cecil B. DeMille award.

“ The biggest adventure you can ever take is to live the life of your dreams.

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**Born** Oct. 6, 1917 in MS | **Died** 1977

- Youngest of 20 children who dropped out of school at 12 years old to farm full time.
- Prevented by police from voting in 1962 and subject to physical abuse, she became an activist who inspired other African Americans to vote.
- Leader/founder of several groups and initiatives to fight against racial discrimination.

“ If you don't speak out, ain't nobody going to speak out for you.

# MORE EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

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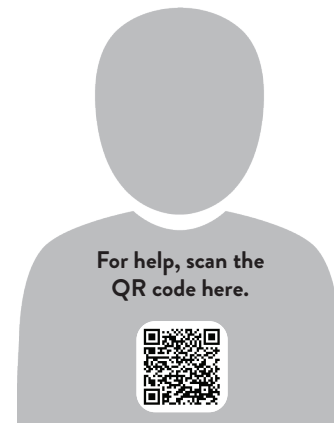
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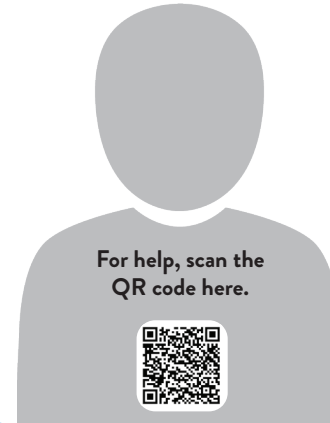
**Born** May 13, 1950 in MI

- Acclaimed singer, songwriter, musician and producer.
- Blind since birth and lost part of sense of smell due to a car accident.
- Won more Grammy Awards than any other solo artist in history.
- Has received lifetime achievement awards for civil rights as well as music, and also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“ Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

## WHO AM I?

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**Born** Sep. 13, 1885 in PA | **Died** 1954


- Author, philosopher, educator, patron of the arts and the 1st African American Rhodes Scholar.
- Leader of the Harlem Renaissance, a cultural, social & artistic explosion in Harlem, NY in the 1920s.
- Rheumatic fever as a child left him with permanent heart damage.
- *The New Negro*, called the “1st national book” of African Americans, was his most influential and well-known work, helping establish him as the foremost scholar of African studies.

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