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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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## TENT CARDS OF HISTORICAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRITIES

Recommended for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!**

Print out the cards then cut and fold along the designated lines.

The picture and the name of the celebrity are on one side and the facts are on the back side.

#### **Ideas for use:**

- Extra blank sheets are given so the teacher or student may research their own celebrity.
- There are 28 cards Study one for each day of February.
- The teacher can quiz the class.
- The students can quiz themselves or each other
- Play a game as a class or divide into two or more teams:

Option 1: One team describes the celebrity while the other team attempts to answer.

Option 2: One team animates the character while the other team attempts to answer.

Option 3: The teacher reads the facts and the students verbally share or write down the answer



**WHIMSICAL WRITERS**

Images by Phillip Martin  
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Methodist Pastor and author in the late 1700's  
Wanted to end slavery.  
Started the Free African Society



Absalom Jones



Lived 1942-2016  
Professional Boxer and Activist  
1960 won an Olympic gold medal in boxing  
At the age of 22 became World Champion  
Refused to be drafted because of his religion  
In 1971, the Supreme Court ruled in his favor



Muhammed Ali



Lived 1927-2003  
Tennis player and professional golfer  
In '56 became first black woman to win  
the Grand Slam of Tennis  
In '58 voted Female Athlete of the Year  
Voted into the Tennis Hall of Fame  
Voted into the Int. Women's Sports HOF



Althea Gibson



Lived 1925-2015  
Nicknamed the "King of Blues"  
Career spanned from 1949-2005  
Blues singer, electric guitarist, songwriter  
Voted into Rock and Roll HOF in 1987



B.B. King



Lived from 1856-1915  
Educator, author, orator and advisor to presidents.  
Born into slavery and became a leading voice of former slaves.  
One of founders of the National Negro Business League  
Gave a popular speech in 1895 called the "Atlanta Compromise"



Lived in the 1700's  
First person killed in the Boston Massacre  
Became an icon in the anti-slavery movement  
Many schools are named after him.



Booker T. Washington



Crispus Attucks



Lived in the 1860's to 1943  
Agricultural Scientist and inventor  
Developed techniques to prevent soil depletion  
Promoted environmentalism  
In 1941 "Time" magazine called him the "Black Leonardo"



Lived 1822 - 1913  
Was an abolitionist and political activist.  
Born into slavery  
Escaped from slavery  
Made thirteen missions to rescue approximately seventy enslaved people  
Became known as the Underground Railroad



George Washington Carver



Harriett Tubman



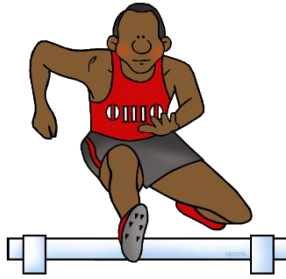
Lived from 1919-1972  
Professional Baseball Player  
First African-American player to play in the major leagues.  
1947 National League Rookie of the Year  
1949 National League Most Valuable Player  
1949-1954 member of the All-Star team  
Played in six World Series for the Dodgers



Lived from 1913-1980  
Track and field athlete  
Four-time Olympic gold medalist in 1936  
Participated in the Berlin Olympics despite Hitler and Nazi  
Germany hatred



Jackie Robinson



Jesse Owens



Lived from 1902-1967  
Poet, social activist, novelist, columnist  
Innovator of the literary art form jazz  
poetry



Born in 1959  
Professional Basketball player  
Earned 3 NBA MVP awards  
12-time NBA All-Star  
Member of the 1979 Michigan State  
NCAA National Champs basketball team



Langston Hughes



Ervin "Magic" Johnson



Lived from 1901-1971  
Trumpeter, composer, and vocalist  
Career spanned 5 decades  
Inducted into the Rhythm & Blues HOF



Lived 1928-2014  
Poet, singer and civil rights activist  
Published 7 autobiographies, several  
books of, 3 essay books and many plays  
She has more than 50 honorary degrees



Louis Armstrong



Maya Angelou



Singer, song writer, dancer  
Lived 1958-2009  
"King of Pop"  
Holds many awards some of which are:  
26 American Music Awards  
17 Billboard Music Awards  
Holds 39 Guinness World Records



Professional Basketball player, born in 1963  
Has been called "The greatest basketball player of all  
time."  
Owner and chairman of the Charlotte Hornets  
Member of the 1982 NCAA National Champion North  
Carolina basketball team



Michael Jackson



Michael Jordan



Lived 1929-1968  
Baptist Minister and civil rights activist  
The most visible spokesperson in civil rights  
He promoted non-violent ways to correct injustices.  
In 1964 won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial  
inequality.  
MLK Day: A national day given in his honor.



Lived 1919-1965  
Jazz pianist and vocalist  
Recorded over 100 songs that became hits on pop  
charts.  
First Black man to host an American tv series



Martin Luther King



Nat King Cole



Lived 1918-2013  
From South Africa  
President of South Africa from 1994-1999  
Anti-apartheid revolutionary and philanthropist  
First black head of state of South Africa  
Promoted freedom and equality for all.



Born in 1937  
Singer and pianist  
Was a school teacher before her music career.  
Had 5 number one songs  
The only artist to win the Grammy Award for  
Record of the Year in two consecutive years.



Nelson Mandela



Roberta Flack





Lived 1913-2005  
Activist in the civil rights movement  
Secretary to Senator John Conyers (Mich.)  
Most noted for her rejection to move to  
the "colored section" of the bus and was  
arrested for her civil disobedience.



Born March 6, 1972  
Nicknamed "Shaq" Professional Basketball Player  
Currently a sports analyst.  
Played college basketball at LSU  
Was the number one draft pick in 1992  
Member of the Lakers who won 3 NBA championships.  
1992 Rookie of the Year, 15 All-Star teams  
Three time NBA MVP awards



Rosa Parks



Shaquille O'Neal



Lived 1797-1883  
From Battle Creek, Michigan  
African-American abolitionist and women's rights  
activist.  
Born into slavery but escaped with her infant  
daughter in 1826  
Invited by Abraham Lincoln to the White House.



Lived 1930-1999  
Writer known for his cartoons, songs and children's  
books.  
His books have been translated into more than 30  
languages and have sold more than 20 million copies.  
Received two Grammy Awards



Sojourner Truth



Shel Silverstein



Lived 1818-1895  
Social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer and statesman  
Escaped from slavery and became a national leader in the abolitionist movement.  
Was the first African-American to run for Vice-President



Born in 1950  
Blind since birth but overcame this handicap.  
Singer, song writer, musician  
Consider by some to be the most successful and musical performer of the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Signed with Motown's Tamla at the age of 11  
Recorded over 30 U.S. top ten hits, received 25 Grammy Awards and sold over 100 million records.



Frederick Douglas



Stevie Wonder



Lived 1940-1994  
Sprinter and track and field star, civil and women's rights pioneer. Fastest woman runner in the 1960's  
Won 3 Gold Medals in the 1960 Olympics performing in the 100-meter, 200 meter and 4x100 meter dashes  
Graduate of Tennessee State University  
Became an educator and coach.



Born August 4, 1961  
First African-American of the United States  
Senator from Illinois from 2005-2008  
Graduated from Columbia University  
First black president of the Harvard Law Review  
Taught Constitutional Law at University of Chicago from  
Was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize



Wilma Rudolph

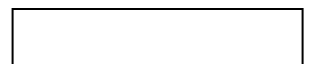
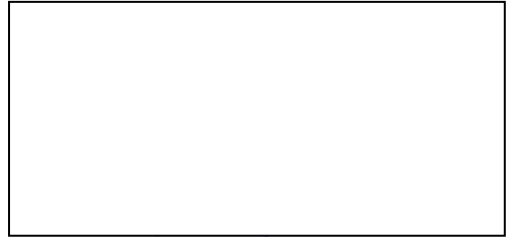
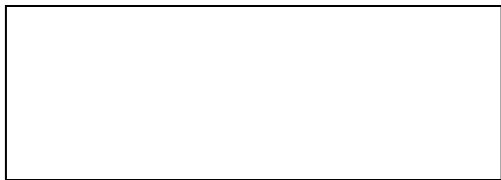
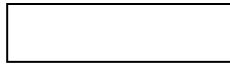


Barack Obama





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