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## 1. Bessie Coleman.

*Clue:* Bessie Coleman (1892 – 1926) was the first female African-American pilot. She was also the first person of Native American descent to hold a piloting license.

## 2. Dorothy Vaughn.

*Clue:* Dorothy Vaughn was an American mathematician at NACA (later NASA) who worked as a computer during the Space Race. She is one of three African American women covered in the biographical book *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

## 3. Beale Street Blues.

*Clue:* W.C. Handy was an African American composer known as the Father of the Blues. His "Beale Street Blues" was written in 1916. Named after a black entertainment district of Memphis, Tennessee, the song's publication in 1917 coincided with the beginning of Jazz music.

## 4. Toussaint Louverture.

*Clue:* François-Dominique Toussaint Louverture led the first successful slave rebellion in the Americas against the French colonial government in what is now called the Haitian Revolution.

## 5. Frederick Douglass.

*Clue:* After writing three autobiographies of his life and struggles, Frederick Douglass became an advisor to Abraham Lincoln and was nationally recognized for advocating for abolition and women's rights.

## 6. Booker T. Washington.

*Clue:* Booker T. Washington was an African American educator, reformer, and political advisor. He was the head of the Tuskegee Institute for thirty years. Theodore Roosevelt invited Washington to dine with him and his family at the White House in 1901, an invitation that was considered highly controversial at the time.

## 7. Olaudah Equiano.

*Clue:* After purchasing his freedom from slavery, Olaudah Equiano fought for abolition in the British Empire. He is shown here with his autobiography, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano*.

## 8. Akan Drum.

*Clue:* This drum was found in the colony of Virginia and is possibly the oldest surviving African-American object to exist today. It serves as a reminder of the estimated 12 million slaves transported across the Atlantic to the Americas.

## 9. Sojourner Truth.

*Clue:* Born a slave, Sojourner Truth became a strong advocate for both abolition and women's rights. In her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech she challenged racial and gender discrimination.



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## 10. John Henry.

*Clue:* John Henry is a hero from American folklore. Known for his speed and strength at driving railway spikes, Henry became a symbol in many cultural movements including the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century

## 11. Langston Hughes.

*Clue:* Langston Hughes was an American poet and novelist. He was a notable figure in the Harlem Renaissance, a 1920s movement of interest and expansion of the African American culture and society.

## 12. George Washington Carver.

*Clue:* George Washington Carver was an American botanist and environmentalist. He worked to popularize peanuts, sweet potatoes, and other crops to replace cotton and on methods to reduce soil depletion.

## 13. Muhammad Ali Boxing Gloves.

*Clue:* Born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., Muhammad Ali was an African American heavyweight boxer, Olympic medallist, musician, philanthropist, and civil rights activist. He was nicknamed the greatest and had a significant impact on culture during the mid to late 20th century.

## 14. Sesame Street.

*Clue:* This beloved children's TV show features a cast of racially diverse adults, children, and puppets. *Sesame Street* premiered in 1969 and actively promoted a message of inclusion and racial harmony.

## 15. Quote - Charle Seifert

*Clue:* "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." Charles Seifert was a Black historian who focused on African and African American history. He was very influential in the Black arts community. This quote is from his book, *The Negro's or Ethiopian's Contribution to Art* published in 1938.

## 16. Jesse Owens.

*Clue:* Jesse Owens was an African American track and field athlete who won four gold medals in the Summer Olympics in Berlin. He set three-world records in a span of 45 minutes. His performance was particularly inspiring in light of Hitler's claims of Aryan supremacy.

## 17. Jackie Robinson.

*Clue:* Robinson was the first African American to play Major League Baseball. He started for the Dodgers as a second baseman in 1947. Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

## 18. Duke Ellington.

*Clue:* Born Edward Kennedy Ellington, he was an African American composer and bandleader. He received the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1999 for his jazz music.

