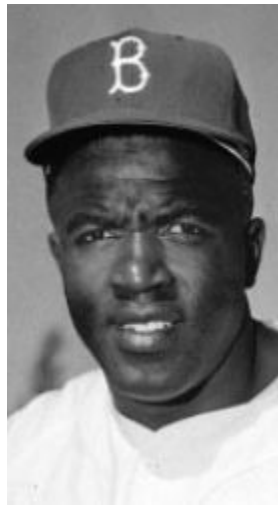


American Heroes

Celebrate Black History Month

February is Black History Month. During this time, we remember important Black Americans. Read about four people who made history.

Jackie Robinson (1919-1972)



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In 1947, Jackie Robinson changed history. He became the first African American to play major league baseball. He played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Until then, African Americans were not allowed to play in the major leagues.

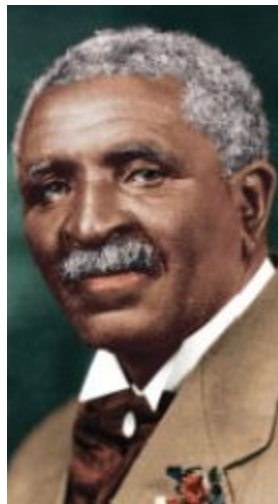
Rosa Parks (1913-2005)



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Rosa Parks spent her life fighting for equal rights. Those rights make sure all people are treated fairly. In 1955, Parks was arrested in Alabama for not giving up her bus seat to a white person. Her brave act helped change unfair laws.

George Washington Carver (1864-1943)



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George Washington Carver was an inventor. He was born on a farm in

Missouri. He found more than 300 new uses for peanuts. Those uses include making soap, glue, and paint. Carver also taught people better ways to farm.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993)



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Marian Anderson was a famous singer. In 1955, she became the first African American to sing a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera. That is an opera house in New York City. She was also the first African American to sing at the White House.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. When is Black History Month?
 - A. February
 - B. December
 - C. August

2. The cause of Rosa Parks' arrest was she refused to give up her bus seat. What was an effect?
 - A. Her brave act helped change unfair laws.
 - B. She found many new uses for peanuts.
 - C. She became the first African American in major league baseball.

3. George Washington Carver was an intelligent inventor. What evidence from the passage supports this conclusion?
 - A. He taught people better ways to farm.
 - B. He found over 300 new uses for peanuts.
 - C. He was born on a farm in Missouri.

4. How did Jackie Robinson probably feel about being the first African American to play major league baseball?
 - A. sad
 - B. proud
 - C. angry

5. What is this passage mostly about?
 - A. Black History Month
 - B. important African Americans
 - C. Jackie Robinson