

BLACK HISTORY LEADERS

READING COMPREHENSION!

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Black History Heroes L1



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1) What was Winifred Atwell known for being?

☐ a pianist ☐ a drummer

☐ a trumpeter ☐ a flutist

2) What year was Winifred Atwell born?

☐ 1911 ☐ 1914

☐ 1941 ☐ 1944

3) She was the first black artist to have a number-one hit on what music chart?

☐ the UK Albums Chart ☐ the Canadian Hot 100

☐ the UK Singles Chart ☐ the Billboard Hot 100



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**3
levels!**



**10
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Carmelo Anthony

Carmelo Anthony is a professional basketball player, who is regarded as one of the greatest scorers in NBA history. He won a national championship while playing college basketball and has been named an NBA All-Star ten times.

- Who is Carmelo Anthony?

☐ a singer	☐ a movie director
☐ a professional basketball player	☐ a professional dancer
- What professional sports league does he play in?

☐ MLB	☐ NBA
☐ NHL	☐ NFL
- What did he win in college?

☐ a baking contest	☐ a spelling competition
☐ a basketball	☐ a national championship
☐ spinning contest	

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- What was George W. Carver known for being?

☐ a dentist and painter	☐ a scientist and inventor
☐ an athlete and actor	☐ an activist and singer
- What year was George W. Carver born?

☐ 1844	☐ 1846
☐ 1866	☐ 1864
- What food did he discover many uses for?

☐ yogurt	☐ peanuts
☐ pizza	☐ all of these

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- What was Stokely known for?

☐ directing movies	☐ farming
☐ playing music	☐ activism
- Which category of rights did he fight for?

☐ environmental rights	☐ civil rights
☐ disability rights	☐ animal rights
- What did he do to fight for racial equality?

☐ gave speeches	☐ marched
☐ wrote books	☐ all of the above

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Rhianna Fenty

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- What is Rhianna known for?

☐ gardening	☐ playing baseball
☐ singing	☐ rock climbing
- How many Grammy Awards has she won?

☐ 7	☐ 9
☐ 14	☐ 10
- When was she made a National Hero of Barbados?

☐ 2021	☐ 2022
☐ 2011	☐ 2012

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- Kamala is the first female to be what?

☐ U.S. vice president	☐ U.S. president
☐ Grand Admiral	☐ Prime Minister
- What year did she become vice president?

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Oprah Winfrey

Oprah Winfrey was born on January 29th, 1954, and worked hard to become successful. She is a famous TV talk show host who helps people share their stories. She also has a book club that inspires people to read and learn.

1) What was Oprah Winfrey known for being?

2) What year was Oprah Winfrey born?

3) What kind of club does Oprah have?

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Malcolm X

Malcolm X was a human rights activist, who made a big impact during the civil rights movement. He is widely celebrated within the African-American and Muslim American communities for his fight for racial justice and equality.

1) What is Malcolm X known for?

2) During what movement did he make a big impact?

3) He was celebrated for his fight for what causes?

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- ☐ Mayor of NYC ☐ Governor of Maine
☐ President of France ☐ President of the U.S.

2) What year was Barack Obama born?

- ☐ 1966 ☐ 1961
☐ 1911 ☐ 1916

3) When was he the President of the United States?

- ☐ 2009-2017 ☐ 2017-2020
☐ 2002-2005 ☐ 2009-2012

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- ☐ a movie director ☐ a farmer
☐ an engineer ☒ an activist

2) What year was Rosa Parks born?

- ☒ 1913 ☐ 1933
☐ 1911 ☐ 1931

3) Where did she refuse to give up her seat?

- ☐ a train ☐ a park
☒ a bus ☐ a boat

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DIFFERENTIATED READING COMPREHENSION READING COMP BUNDLE!

Name: Tyrone Native American Heritage LS

Sioux

The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?

☐ Southeast America ☒ Northern Great Plains

☐ Mexico ☐ Southwest America

2) Which animal did they follow?

☐ giraffe ☐ bird

☐ rat ☒ buffalo

3) Which animals did they hunt?

☐ bison ☐ deer

☐ elk ☒ all of these

Name: Samira Women's History LS

Maya Lin

Maya won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Her design was a black, granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?

She won a design contest for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2) Who gave her an award?

President Barack Obama gave her an award

3) What was her design?

Her design was a black

DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES BLACK HISTORY BUNDLE!

Name: Samantha Black History Heroes LS

Michael Jordan

He was a leader

What I learned: Martin Luther King Jr. led nonviolent marches for the rights to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights.

Is the word below a noun, verb, or adjective? noun

MARCHING (noun, verb, adjective)

Is the statement true or false? True

Martin was a leader of civil rights movement

Michelle Obama

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