



Black Biographies



Hank Aaron, baseball player (J92 AARON)

Muhammad Ali, boxer, activist (J92 ALI)

Marian Anderson, singer (J92 ANDERSON)

Maya Angelou, poet, author (J92 ANGELOU)

Giannis Antetokounmpo, basketball player, (J92 ANTETOKOUNMPO)

Louis Armstrong, musician, singer, composer (J92 ARMSTRONG)

Josephine Baker, entertainer, spy, activist (J92 BAKER)

Benjamin Banneker, mathematician (J92 BANNEKER)

Saquon Barkley, football player (J92 BARKLEY)

Ernie Barnes, football player, artist (J92 BARNES)

Jean-Michel Basquiat, artist (J92 BASQUIAT)

Robert Battle, dancer (J92 BATTLE)

Cindy Bentley, athlete (J92 BENTLEY)

Beyoncé, singer (J92 BEYONCE)

Simone Biles, gymnast (J92 BILES)

Stephen Bishop, explorer (J92 BISHOP)

Ruby Bridges, activist (J92 BRIDGES, ER 92 BRIDGES)

Gwendolyn Brooks, poet, author (J92 BROOKS)

Henry Brown, abolitionist, magician (J92 BROWN)

Kobe Bryant, basketball player (J92 BRYANT)

George Washington Carver, scientist, inventor (J92 CARVER)

Roberto Clemente, baseball player (J92 CLEMENTE)

Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman, aviator (J92 COLEMAN)

Janet Collins, dancer (J92 COLLINS)

Misty Copeland, dancer (J92 COPELAND)

Elizabeth Cotton, musician, singer, songwriter (J92 COTTON)

Stephen Curry, basketball player (J92 CURRY)

David Drake, artist (J92 DAVE)

Aaron Donald, football player (J92 DONALD)

Frederick Douglass, activist, author, politician (J92 DOUGLASS)

Paul Laurence Dunbar, author, poet (J92 DUNBAR)

Chuck Ealey, football player (J92 EALEY)

Duke Ellington, musician, composer (J92 ELLINGTON)

Prince Fielder, baseball player (J92 FIELDER)

Ella Fitzgerald, singer (J92 FITZGERALD)

Amos Fortune, entrepreneur (J92 FORTUNE)

Aretha Franklin, singer, songwriter (J92 FRANKLIN)

John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, musician, singer, composer (J92 GILLESPIE)

Fannie Lou Hamer, activist (J92 HAMER)

Hatshepsut, Pharaoh (J92 HATSHEPSUT)

Matthew Henson, explorer (J92 HENSON)

Dwight Howard, basketball player (J92 HOWARD)

Langston Hughes, author, poet, activist (J92 HUGHES)

DeSean Jackson, football player (J92 JACKSON)

Mahalia Jackson, singer, activist (J92 JACKSON)

Michael Jackson, singer, songwriter (J92 JACKSON)

LeBron James, basketball player (J92 JAMES)

Blue Jenkins, activist (J92 JENKINS)

Derek Jeter, baseball player (J92 JETER)

Katherine Johnson, mathematician (J92 JOHNSON)

Mamie Johnson, baseball player (J92 JOHNSON)

Barbara Jordan, politician (J92 JORDAN)

Michael Jordan, basketball player (J92 JORDAN)

Ona Judge, escaped enslavement under George Washington
(J92 JUDGE)

William "Doc" Key, veterinarian (J92 KEY)

Coretta Scott King, activist (J92 KING)

Martin Luther King, Jr., minister, activist (J92 KING, ER 92 KING)

Jacob Lawrence, artist (J92 LAWRENCE)

John Lewis, activist, politician (J92 LEWIS)

Ann Cole Lowe, fashion designer (J92 LOWE)

Clara Luper, activist (J92 LUPER)

John Roy Lynch, politician (J92 LYNCH)

Nelson Mandela, politician, activist
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