

Black History Month Flash Card Set

Instructions: Do you know who these influential people are? Cut out the flash cards on the dotted line and fold each in half to test your knowledge.



- Mathematician
- Calculated and analyzed spacecraft flight paths



Katherine Johnson
1918–2020



- 44th president of the United States
- First African American to hold office



Barack Obama
Born 1961



- Journalist and civil rights activist
- Led an antilynching crusade by using newspapers and lectures



Ida B. Wells-Barnett
1861–1931



Katherine Johnson, NASA; Barack Obama, Pete Souza/The White House; Ida B. Wells-Barnett, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.



- Physician, engineer, and first Black woman to be an astronaut
- Spent eight days orbiting Earth in 1992



Mae Jemison
Born 1956



- Abolitionist, civil rights leader, and author
- Escaped from slavery in 1838



Frederick Douglass
1818–1895



- U.S. general and statesman
- First African American to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state



Colin Powell
1937–2021



- First Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress
- Authority on early education and child welfare



Shirley Chisholm
1924–2005



Mae Jemison, NASA; Frederick Douglass, National Park Service; Colin Powell, Russell Francis Roederer II—The Pentagon; Shirley Chisholm, Thomas J. O'Halloran—U.S. News & World Report Magazine Photograph Collection/Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. (reproduction no. LC-DIG-ppmsca-55929).





- First woman, first Black person, and first Asian American to be vice president of the U.S.
- First female and first Black person to be attorney general of California



Kamala Harris
Born 1964



- Comedian, actor, and singer
- Nominated for Best Supporting Actor Academy Award for his performance in *Dreamgirls* (2006)



Eddie Murphy
Born 1961



- Professional tennis player
- Won more Grand Slam singles titles (23) than any other woman during the open era



Serena Williams
Born 1981



- Rapper and entrepreneur
- First rapper to be inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame



JAY-Z
Born 1969

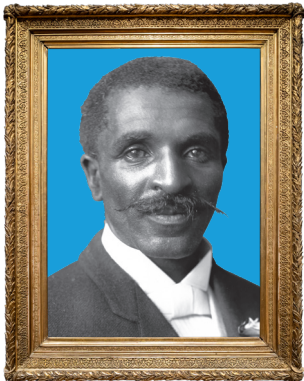




- First African American first lady
- Author, speaker, attorney, and public-health advocate



Michelle Obama
Born 1964



- Agricultural chemist
- Helped liberate the South from its dependency on cotton



George Washington Carver
1864?–1943



- First African American woman and first woman of Native American descent to earn a pilot's license
- Starred in early aviation exhibitions and air shows



Bessie Coleman
1892–1926



- Professional basketball player
- Became the all-time leading NBA scorer in 2023, breaking the previous 38,387-point record



Lebron James
Born 1984





- Called the “poet laureate of Harlem”
- Known for realistically portraying African American life in his writing



Langston Hughes
1902–1967



- First Black athlete to play in the U.S. national tennis championship and at Wimbledon
- First Black athlete to play on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour



Althea Gibson
1927–2003



- Educator, author, and civil rights advocate
- Established Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute



Booker T. Washington
1856–1915



- Poet, playwright, and performer
- First African American woman to have a feature film adapted from one of her own stories



Maya Angelou
1928–2014

