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# Well - known African Americans



**Martin Luther King Jr.**

Martin Luther King was the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. He was a social activist and fought against racial inequality through peaceful protests.



**Harriet Tubman**

Harriet was an American abolitionist and political activist. As a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad, she helped around 300 slaves to achieve freedom.



**Sojourner Truth**

She was a women's rights activist. NASA named a Mars Rover after her. The name Sojourner means "traveler". She's known for her speech "Ain't I a Woman?".



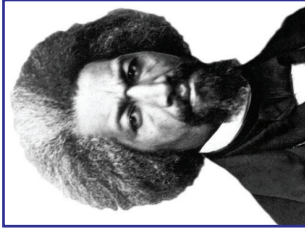
**Malcolm X**

Malcolm X was the voice of the Black Muslim faith. He put forth the concept of race pride and preached defense against white aggression "by any means necessary".



**Rosa Parks**

She was called the "mother of the civil rights movement". Her refusal to give up her seat on a public bus, set in motion one of the largest social movements in history.



**Frederick Douglass**

Known as the "father of the civil rights movement", he was an orator and writer. He spoke on a range of causes, including women's rights and Irish home rule.



**Maya Angelou**

She was best known for her memoir "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings". Her poem for Bill Clinton "On The Pulse of Morning" won the Grammy Award.



**Thurgood Marshall**

He became the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court. He won a landmark case that ended racial segregation in public schools.

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## Michelle Obama

As the first African-American first lady from 2009-2017, she served as a role model to several women. She is a lawyer, university administrator and writer.



## Langston Hughes

He was an American poet and one of the founding fathers of the Harlem Renaissance. He fought for social justice and racial equality through his literature.



## Beyoncé

Beyoncé is the most-nominated female artist, with 62 nominations for Grammy. She is the second female artist who has won 23 Grammy awards.



## Muhammad Ali

Nicknamed "The Greatest", he is regarded as one of the greatest boxers of all time. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005.



## Barack Obama

He is the first African-American president of the U.S. He served from 2009 to 2017. Mr. Barack Obama was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 2009.



## Oprah Winfrey

Called as "The Queen of All Media", Lady O is the richest African-American billionaire. She won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013.



## Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods is one of the greatest golfers of all time. He is the youngest golfer to win the major and the master golf tournaments held in 1997.



## Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson, "The King of Pop" is a popular international music icon. His "Thriller" album is the most sold album of all time.