Well-known African Americans

Martin Luther King Jr.
Martin Luther King was the youngest winner of the Noble 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.