

RiddleBees™

# Who Am I?



## FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS

For this Black History Facts Quiz, we're going to play a little game called, "Who am I?" The clues will provide background information on notable black history figures. Your task is to identify the person.

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A U T H O R S

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**My books include *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and *Notes of a Native Son*. One of my novels, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, was adapted into an Academy Award-winning film. Who am I?**

My first book I know *Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969) tell of my life up to the age of 17 years. I've written seven autobiographies and am also noted for my poetry. Who am I?

**I won the Pulitzer Prize for *Beloved*, the National Book Critics Circle Award for *Song of Solomon* and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993. Who am I?**

ANSWERS: A: James Baldwin B: Maya Angelou C: Toni Morrison

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## HISTORIC FIGURES

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Before sustainable farming was a thing, I promoted crop rotation like planting peanuts after cotton. I'm perhaps best known for my work in plant research and particularly with the peanut. Who am I?

My name at birth was Araminta "Minty" Ross, but I changed it after escaping slavery. My codename was "Moses" as I led my family and many more to freedom via the Underground Railroad. The bounty on my head would be worth over \$300,000 today. Who am I?

A former slave, I gained fame as a abolitionist, orator, writer and statesman. As a national leader of the Abolitionist movement in New York and Massachusetts, my oratory skills were universally praised. Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: George Washington Carver B: Harriet Tubman  
C: Frederick Douglass

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## SPORTS

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My baseball jersey number – 42 – is retired by every Major League Baseball team. I broke the color line in MLB when I played for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. Who am I?

At 6'10" tall, I anchored the Boston Celtics dynasty that won eleven NBA championships during my 13 years there. But winning championships was nothing new to me – you see I won two in college playing for the University of San Francisco and a gold medal at the 1956 Olympics. Who am I?

People call me "The Greatest." I was born in Louisville, Kentucky and was named The Ring Magazine's Boxer of the Year a record six times. Babe Ruth and I are probably the most recognized sports figures of all time. Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: Jackie Robinson B: Bill Russell C: Muhammad Ali

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MUSIC

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My fans call me “The King of Motown.” I grew up in Detroit just houses down from Aretha Franklin. You might know me from some of my hits like “The Tracks of My Tears” and “Ooo Baby Baby.” I also wrote “My Girl” and “Get Ready” for The Temptations. Who am I?

*My hits songs included “You Send Me,” “Wonderful World” and “Twistin’ the Night Away.” I’m widely known as “The King of Soul.” Who am I?*

Born in 1963, I grew up with music. My second cousin is Dionne Warwick and my godmother is Aretha Franklin. I’m the only singer to chart seven number one Billboard Hot 100 hits in a row. The Guinness Book of World Records labeled me “The Most Awarded Female Artist of All Time.” Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: Smokey Robinson B: Sam Cook C: Whitney Houston

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CIVIL RIGHTS

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**I was the most visible leader and spokesperson of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s before I was assassinated. Who am I?**

The single letter of my last name symbolizes a surname that I’d never know. I inspired Muhammad Ali to join the Nation of Islam. I opposed the mainstream Civil Rights movement as I desired separation more than integration. Who am I?

**I’m called “the mother of the freedom movement” for my courageous stand to not give up my bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama. Who am I?**

ANSWERS: A: Martin Luther King, Jr. B: Malcolm X C: Rosa Parks

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## MOVIE STARS

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I became the first African American woman to win an Academy Award for Best Actress for my work in *Monster's Ball*. I also played alongside Eddie Murphy in *Boomerang* and portrayed Dorothy Dandridge in a TV movie. Who am I?

I was the first black male to win an Academy Award for Best Actor for the movie "Lilies of the Field." But, you might know me for my other work like "To Sir With Love" or "Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner?" Who am I?

My shot at "glory" came in acting. I've portrayed Malcolm X, Rubin "Hurricane Carter" and Herman Boone in "Remember the Titans." Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: Halle Berry B: Sidney Poitier C: Denzel Washington

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## POLITICIANS

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I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. I worked as a community organizer in Chicago. The, I went from Illinois State Senator to U.S. Senator from Illinois. In my biggest role, I was the 44th President of the United States of America. Who am I?

I served as Attorney General of California for six years. I ran for president in 2020 as a Democrat but ended my campaign in December, 2019. I'm currently a United States Senator from California. Who am I?

Currently, I'm serving my 17th terms in the House of Representatives representing Georgia's 5th District. I'm also noted for my involvement in the 1960s Civil Rights movement. I was one of the "Big Six" leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington. Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: Barack Obama B: Kamala Harris C: John Lewis

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## BUSINESS

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I worked as the first black talent agent with William Morris Agency of New York. To attract clients, I send them some of my homemade cookies using a family recipe. It was these cookies that made me, well, famous. Who am I?

I am the founder of FUBU, a clothing and lifestyle line of products. You might also know me for my work on "Shark Tank." Who am I?

*I started and owned the highest-earning African-American business for decades. Yes, I'm the founder of the Motown record label. Who am I?*

ANSWERS: A: Wallace "Famous Amos" B: Daymond John C: Berry Gordy

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## MUSIC

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I signed with Motown when I was just 21 years old. Some of my more popular songs include "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and "Mercy Mercy Me." My rendition of the National Anthem at the 1983 NBA All-Star game is still talked about today. Who am I?

Born and raised in Houston, my "destiny" with producing music came at a young age. My nickname is Queen Bey. My favorite number is 4. My birthday is September 4 and my husband's is December 4. I've sold over 100 million records. Who am I?

My father was a Baptist Minister in Detroit, Michigan. I was the first female performer to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — finally some respect. You might know me for my nickname, "The Queen of Soul." Who am I?

ANSWERS: A: Marvin Gaye B: Beyoncé C: Aretha Franklin