



Trailblazers of Black History

BARACK OBAMA



Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He grew up in a family that loved learning and helping others. Barack's mom was a teacher, and his dad was a student from Kenya.

Barack worked hard in school and became a lawyer. He wanted to help people, so he became a community organizer in Chicago. In 2008, Barack Obama became the first African American President of the United States! As President, Barack created laws to help people, like the Affordable Care Act.

Trivia Time!

- 1. Where was Barack Obama born?**
 - A) Chicago, Illinois.
 - B) Honolulu, Hawaii.

- 2. What was Barack Obama's job before he became President?**
 - A) Doctor.
 - B) Lawyer.

- 3. In what year did Barack Obama become president of the United States?**
 - A) 2004.
 - B) 2008.

NELSON MANDELA



Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918, and grew up in a small village. Nelson wanted to make sure everyone was treated equally, no matter the color of their skin. He spent many years in prison for standing up for what he believed in, but he never gave up!

After he was released from prison, Nelson became the first black president of South Africa and worked hard to bring people together.

Trivia Time!

- 1. When was Nelson Mandela born?**
 - A). July 18, 1910.**
 - B). July 18, 1918.**

- 2. Why was Nelson Mandela in prison?**
 - A). He stole something.**
 - B). He stood up for what he believed in.**

- 3. What was Nelson Mandela's job after he was released from prison?**
 - A). Teacher.**
 - B). President of South Africa.**

DIANE ABBOTT



Diane Abbott is a British politician who made history in 1987. She became the first black woman to be elected to the UK Parliament! Diane was born in London and grew up in a family that valued education and hard work. She studied at Cambridge University and later became a journalist. Diane's passion for helping others led her to become a politician. She has been a Member of Parliament for over 30 years, fighting for equality, justice, and human rights.

Trivia Time!

- 1. What historic achievement did Diane Abbott accomplish in 1987?**
 - A) She became the first black woman to go to space.**
 - B) She became the first black woman to be elected to the UK Parliament.**

- 2. Where did Diane Abbott study?**
 - A) Oxford University.**
 - B) Cambridge University.**

- 3. What was Diane Abbott's job before she became a politician?**
 - A) Journalist.**
 - B) Teacher.**

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM



Shirley Chisholm was a brave and determined woman who made history in many ways. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Shirley grew up to become a teacher and later a politician. In 1968, she became the first African American woman elected to Congress! Shirley fought for the rights of women, African Americans, and the poor. She even ran for President in 1972, showing everyone that she was a true leader.

Trivia Time!

- 1. Where was Shirley Chisholm born?**
 - A) Brooklyn, New York.**
 - B) Guyana.**

- 2. What was Shirley Chisholm's job before she became a politician?**
 - A) Doctor.**
 - B) Teacher.**

- 3. What historic achievement did Shirley Chisholm accomplish in 1968?**
 - A) She became the first woman President.**
 - B) She became the first African American woman elected to Congress.**

ROSA PARKS



Rosa Parks was a brave woman who lived in Montgomery, Alabama. She worked as a seamstress, making clothes for people. One day, on December 1, 1955, Rosa got on a bus after work. She paid her fare and sat down in a seat. But when the bus got crowded, the driver told Rosa to give up her seat to a white person. Rosa was tired and didn't want to move. She knew it wasn't fair that she had to give up her seat just because of the color of her skin. By refusing to give up her seat, Rosa stood up against racism and segregation, symbolizing the fight for equal rights and freedom for African Americans.

Trivia Time!

- 1. What was Rosa Parks' job?
A) Teacher.
B) Seamstress.**

- 2. What did the bus driver tell Rosa Parks to do on the bus?
A) To drive the bus.
B) To give up her seat to a white person.**

- 3. What year did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat on the bus?
A) 1950
B) 1955**

MAYA ANGELOU



Maya Angelou was a famous American poet, writer, and singer. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and grew up in the southern United States. Maya loved to write and tell stories, but she had a tough childhood. She was bullied and felt lonely. Despite these challenges, Maya found her voice through writing and music. She wrote seven autobiographies, including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which became a classic. Maya's words inspired people all around the world to stand up for themselves and believe in their dreams.

Trivia Time!

1. What was Maya Angelou's favorite thing to do?

- A) Dance.**
- B) Write.**

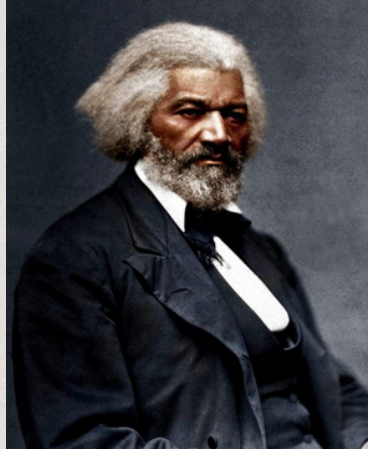
2. Where was Maya Angelou born?

- A) New York City.**
- B) St. Louis, Missouri.**

3. What was the title of Maya Angelou's famous autobiography?

- A) "The Voice of Hope".**
- B) "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings".**

FREDRICK DOUGLAS



Frederick Douglass was a brave and powerful speaker who fought against slavery. Born into slavery in Maryland, Frederick was treated unfairly and separated from his family. Despite the challenges, he taught himself to read and write. Frederick escaped to freedom in the North, where he became a famous abolitionist, speaking out against slavery. He wrote a bestselling book about his life, "The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," which helped many people understand the cruelty of slavery.

Trivia Time!

1. Where was Frederick Douglass born?

- A) New York**
- B) Maryland**

2. What was Frederick Douglass not allowed to do as a slave?

- A) Speak his mind**
- B) Read and write**

3. What did Frederick Douglass write that helped people understand the cruelty of slavery?

- A) A poem**
- B) A book about his life**