

African American Musicians Study Sheet

1. Quincy Jones Producer, composer, and arranger behind countless hit records and film scores.
2. Ella Fitzgerald Jazz vocalist with a remarkable vocal range, known as the "First Lady of Song."
3. Chuck Berry Rock and roll pioneer whose hits include "Johnny B. Goode" and "Maybelene."
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4. Stevie Wonder Blind musician and songwriter who created classics like "Superstition" and "Isn't She Lovely."
5. Beyoncé Pop icon who rose to fame with Destiny's Child before a successful solo career.
6. Louis Armstrong Renowned trumpeter and vocalist, famous for "What a Wonderful World."
7. Tina Turner Dynamic performer famous for hits like "Proud Mary" and "What's Love Got to Do with It."
8. Marvin Gaye Soul singer-songwriter known for socially conscious hits like "What's Going On."
9. Ray Charles Pioneer of soul music, blending R&B, gospel, and blues in hits like "Georgia on My Mind."
10. Aretha Franklin The "Queen of Soul" who had hits like "Respect" and "Natural Woman."
11. John Legend Singer-songwriter and pianist celebrated for hits like "All of Me" and "Ordinary People."
12. Whitney Houston Multi-award-winning vocalist with powerful hits like "I Will Always Love You."
13. Jimi Hendrix Guitar virtuoso known for his innovative style and iconic performances.
14. Duke Ellington Pianist and bandleader known for his jazz standard "Take the 'A' Train."
15. Miles Davis Jazz trumpeter and bandleader who pushed the boundaries of the genre.
16. BB King Blues guitarist and singer known for his soulful style and expressive playing.
17. Diana Ross Lead singer of The Supremes and successful solo artist with hits like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."
18. Billie Holiday Legendary jazz singer whose voice conveyed deep emotion in songs like "Strange Fruit."
19. Nina Simone Singer, songwriter, and civil rights activist known for her unique voice and songs like "Feeling Good."