

# Famous African Americans Study Sheet 2

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| 1. Barack Obama          | First African American President of the United States.   |
| 2. Rosa Parks            | Known for her role in the civil rights movement, refusing to give up her seat on a bus.          |
| 3. Jesse Owens           | Renowned track and field athlete who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics.                  |
| 4. Martin Luther King Jr | Civil rights leader who delivered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963.                    |
| 5. Sidney Poitier        | First African American to win an Academy Award for Best Actor                                    |
| 6. Althea Gibson         | Trailblazing tennis player, the first African American to win Wimbledon.                         |
| 7. Maya Angelou          | Acclaimed poet and author known for her autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." |
| 8. Duke Ellington        | Notable jazz musician and composer known as the "King of Jazz."                                  |
| 9. Percy Julian          | Groundbreaking chemist who developed methods for synthesizing cortisone and other drugs.         |
| 10. Langston Hughes      | Influential figure in the Harlem Renaissance, known for his poetry and activism.                 |
| 11. Condoleezza Rice     | First African American woman to serve as Secretary of State.                                     |
| 12. Jackie Robinson      | Baseball player who broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball.                            |
| 13. Katherine Johnson    | Groundbreaking mathematician and NASA aerospace engineer portrayed in the film "Hidden Figures." |
| 14. Sojourner Truth      | Notable abolitionist and women's rights activist, known for her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.       |
| 15. Halle Berr           | Talented singer and actress, winner of numerous Grammy Awards and an Academy Award.              |
| 16. Thurgood Marshall    | Supreme Court Justice, the first African American to serve on the nation's highest court.        |
| 17. Garrett Morgan       | Innovative inventor known for his work on the traffic signal and gas mask.                       |