

AFRICAN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES & YEARBOOK

Black History Month Yearbook

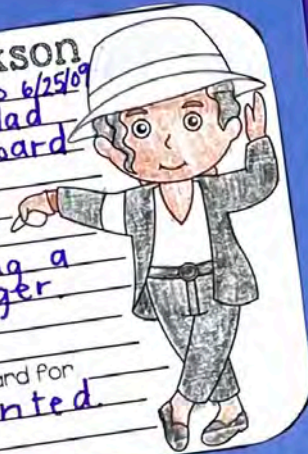


Michael Jackson

Dates of Life 8/29/58 to 6/25/09
Important Life Events Had songs on Billboard top 100

Best known for being a talented singer

Most likely given an award for most talented



Rosa Parks

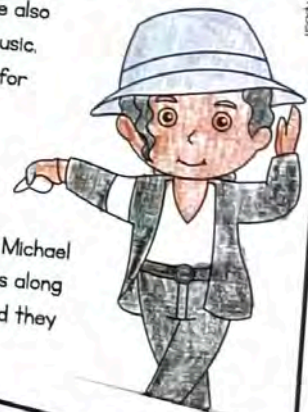
Dates of Life 2/4/13 to 10/24/05
Important Life Events She refused to get up from her bus seat



MICHAEL JACKSON

Born: August 29, 1958, in Indiana
Died: June 25, 2009, in California

Michael's father worked as a crane operator, and his mother worked part-time jobs while also caring for the family. Both of his parents loved music and encouraged Michael to study music. He had five brothers and three sisters and lived in a small house with just two bedrooms for eleven people. Michael's father was strict and wouldn't allow the children to have a lot of friends. He wanted the kids to stay away from gangs and trouble. The three older brothers (Jackie, Tito, and Jermaine) formed a band called the Jackson Brothers. Michael and Marlon joined the band in 1964. The father would hit or verbally abuse Michael when practicing their music. Soon, the family realized that Michael was talented. At 11 years old, Michael began singing the lead vocals along with his brothers into the Jackson 5, and they



ROSA PARKS

Born: February 4, 1913, in Alabama
Died: October 24, 2005, in Michigan

Rosa was born to a teacher and a carpenter, who separated when she was still young. She went with her mother and younger brother to live on her grandparent's farm. Rosa attended the local school for African American children, where her mother was a teacher. She tried to get her high school diploma, which was difficult for African American girls, but Rosa stopped going to school to take care of her sick mother. A few years later, Rosa married Raymond Parks and went back to school, proudly earning her high school diploma. Montgomery, Alabama was segregated during this time. This means that white and black people lived separately and went to different schools, churches, stores, elevators, and even drinking fountains. On December 1, 1955, Rosa sat on the bus after working a long day. The bus was full, and she refused to stand up when a white man boarded the bus. Rosa and other African American people refused to stand up when a white man boarded the bus.

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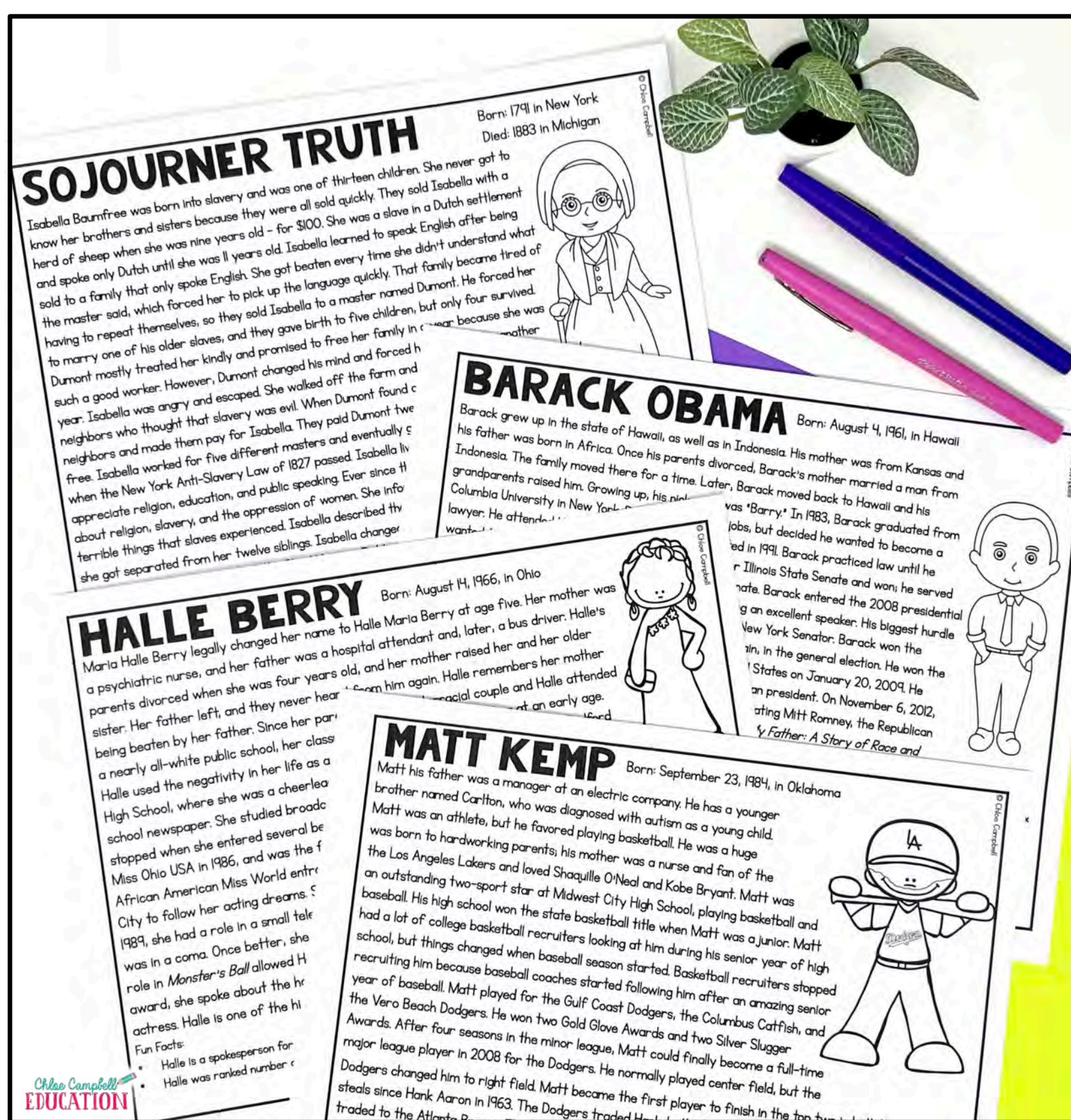
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This Download Includes:

- 31 Biographies about famous African Americans
- 5 Comprehension Questions
- Yearbook-Style Activity for each Biography

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Non-Fiction Texts About Famous African Americans



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Names: Famous African Americans

1. What is the name of the person you learned about?
Michael Jackson

1. What is your favorite thing about this person? Why?
He played music. I love to sing and dance.

2. What did this person do or accomplish in their life?
He was in a successful band and then had a solo career.

3. Why do you think this person was successful?
He was very talented.

4. If you could interview this person, what three questions would you ask them?
1) What was your favorite song?
2) What would you do differently?
3) What genre would you sing today?

5. What three words would you use to describe this person?
talented, strong, smart

ROSA PARKS

Rosa was born to a teacher and a carpenter. She was the oldest of four children. She was born in 1917 in the town of Phenix City, Alabama. She was a member of the NAACP. She was a leader in the civil rights movement. She was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus. She was later released and became a symbol of the civil rights movement. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957. She died in 1957.

Names: Famous African Americans

1. What is the name of the person you learned about?
Rosa Parks

1. What is your favorite thing about this person? Why?
She was brave. She was confident in herself.

2. What did this person do or accomplish in their life?
Rosa refused to get up from her bus seat.

3. Why do you think this person was successful?
She was strong and believed in herself.

4. If you could interview this person, what three questions would you ask them?
1) Where did you get your courage?
2) Would you change anything?
3) What would you be doing today?

5. What three words would you use to describe this person?
brave

Comes with 5 comprehension questions. Use them with every biography!

Yearbook Style Activity

Rosa Parks

Dates of Life: 1913 - 2005

Important Life Events: _____

Standing up for her equal spot in society

Best known for: refusing to move to the back of the bus

Most likely given an award for: being courageous



Sojourner Truth

Dates of Life: 1797 - 1883

Important Life Events: _____

gaining Freedom with the Anti-Slavery Law of 1827

Best known for: speaking about women's rights

Most likely given an award for: ending slavery



Thurgood Marshall

Dates of Life: 1908 - 1993

Important Life Events: _____

winning major civil rights cases

Best known for: Chief counsel for the NAACP



Tuskegee Airman

Dates of Life: 1941 - 1946

Important Life Events: _____

First African American group in the US Army the



Create a yearbook profile for each famous African American.



Teachers Like You Say:



Extremely satisfied

My students loved this activity, and they were very engaged. I loved the little preparation involved in utilizing this activity, it took no time at all to get it started. This was an excellent black history resource.



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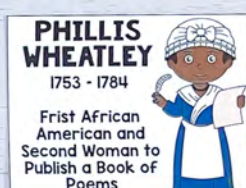
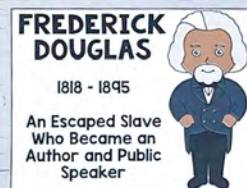
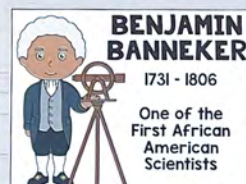
My students loved reading and using these mini-biographies to help us learn about historical figures during Black History Month. I would highly recommend it.



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Famous African Americans Included:

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- Thurgood Marshall
- Wilma Rudolph
- Sojourner Truth
- Sarah E. Goode
- Rosa Parks
- Ruby Bridges
- Phillis Wheatley
- Marian Anderson
- Michael Jackson
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Michael Jordan
- Marcus Garvey
- Jackie Robinson
- Langston Hughes
- Jesse Owens
- Harriet Tubman
- George W. Carver
- Frederick Douglass
- Edna Lewis
- Booker T. Washington
- Billie Holiday
- Bessie Coleman
- Bill Pickett
- Benjamin Banneker
- Hank Aaron
- Matt Kemp
- Ozzie Smith
- Halle Berry
- Barack Obama
- Will Smith

**Purchase this resource today
and give your students the gift
of knowledge and inspiration as
they learn about the
contributions and achievements
of some of the most important
African Americans in history!**

Teachers Like You Say:

★★★★★ Extremely satisfied

We used this as a writing/reading project during the month of February and then had students share about their individual person. What a great way to learn about a lot of different historical people.

★★★★★ Extremely satisfied

I used this during Black History Month. I liked the variety of African-American Historical figures (some of which are still living). I also liked the text count (not too much/not too little).

★★★★★ Extremely satisfied

My students enjoyed using this resource because they learned that African Americans were very big contributors to every day life.