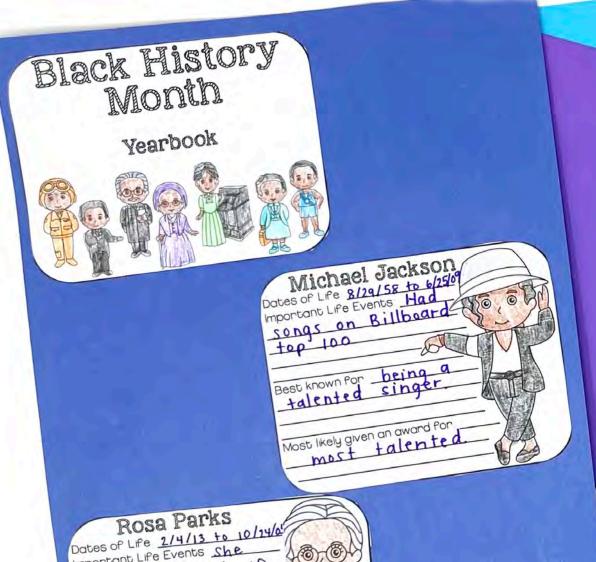
## AFRICAN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHIES





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 to 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

intakes when practicing their music. Soon, the family realized that Michael wars old, Michael began singing the lead vocals along

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Montgomery, Alabama was segregated during this time. This means that white and black people lived. Montgomery, Alabama was segregated auring this time. This means that white and black separately and went to different schools, churches, stores, elevators, and even drinkline. to take a stand and show that people should treat everyone the same, no color. On December 1, 1955, Rosa sat on the bus after working

bus had filled up when a white man boarded Rosa and other African America refused to stand

Important Life Events She

refused to get up

from her bus

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## SOJOURNER TRUTH

Isabella Baumfree was born into slavery and was one of thirteen children. She never got to know her brothers and sisters because they were all sold quickly. They sold Isabella with a herd of sheep when she was nine years old - for \$100. She was a slave in a Dutch settlement and spoke only Dutch until she was II years old. Isabella learned to speak English after being sold to a family that only spoke English. She got beaten every time she didn't understand what the master said, which forced her to pick up the language quickly. That family became tired of having to repeat themselves, so they sold Isabella to a master named Dumont. He forced her to marry one of his older slaves, and they gave birth to five children, but only four survived. Dumont mostly treated her kindly and promised to free her family in cover because she was such a good worker. However, Dumont changed his mind and forced h year. Isabella was angry and escaped. She walked off the farm and neighbors who thought that slavery was evil. When Dumont found c neighbors and made them pay for Isabella. They paid Dumont twe free. Isabella worked for five different masters and eventually s when the New York Anti-Slavery Law of 1827 passed Isabella liv appreciate religion, education, and public speaking. Ever since the about religion, slavery, and the oppression of women. She info terrible things that slaves experienced. Isabella described th she got separated from her twelve siblings. Isabella changer

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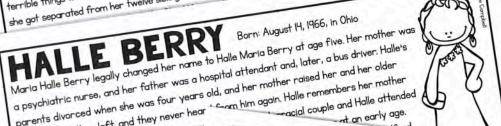


## BARACK OBAMA Born: August 4, 1961, in Hawaii

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Barack grew up in the state of Hawaii, as well as in Indonesia. His mother was from Kansas and his father was born in Africa. Once his parents divorced, Barack's mother married a man from Indonesia. The family moved there for a time. Later, Barack moved back to Hawaii and his grandparents raised him. Growing up, his nint Columbia University in New York lawyer. He attendad.

vas 'Barry.' In 1983, Barack graduated from jobs, but decided he wanted to become a ed in 1991. Barack practiced law until he r Illinois State Senate and won; he served nate, Barack entered the 2008 presidential g an excellent speaker. His biggest hurdle Vew York Senator. Barack won the iln, in the general election. He won the States on January 20, 2009. He on president. On November 6, 2012, ating Mitt Romney, the Republican 'y Father: A Story of Race and



parents divorced when she was four years old, and her mother raised her and her older sister. Her father left, and they never hear -acial couple and Halle attended A

Born: August 14, 1966, in Ohio

Born: September 23, 1984, in Oklahoma

Matt his father was a manager at an electric company. He has a younger brother named Carlton, who was diagnosed with autism as a young child. Matt was an athlete, but he favored playing basketball. He was a huge was born to hardworking parents; his mother was a nurse and fan of the the Los Angeles Lakers and loved Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. Matt was an outstanding two-sport star at Midwest City High School, playing basketball and baseball. His high school won the state basketball title when Matt was a junior: Matt had a lot of college basketball recruiters looking at him during his senior year of high school, but things changed when baseball season started. Basketball recruiters stopped recruiting him because baseball coaches started following him after an amazing senior year of baseball. Matt played for the Gulf Coast Dodgers, the Columbus Catfish, and the Vero Beach Dodgers. He won two Gold Glove Awards and two Silver Slugger Awards. After four seasons in the minor league, Matt could finally become a full-time major league player in 2008 for the Dodgers. He normally played center field, but the Dodgers changed him to right field. Matt became the first player to finish in the top steals since Hank Aaron in 1963. The Dodgers traded Hank

. Halle is a spokesperson for Chlee Campbell . Halle was ranked number (

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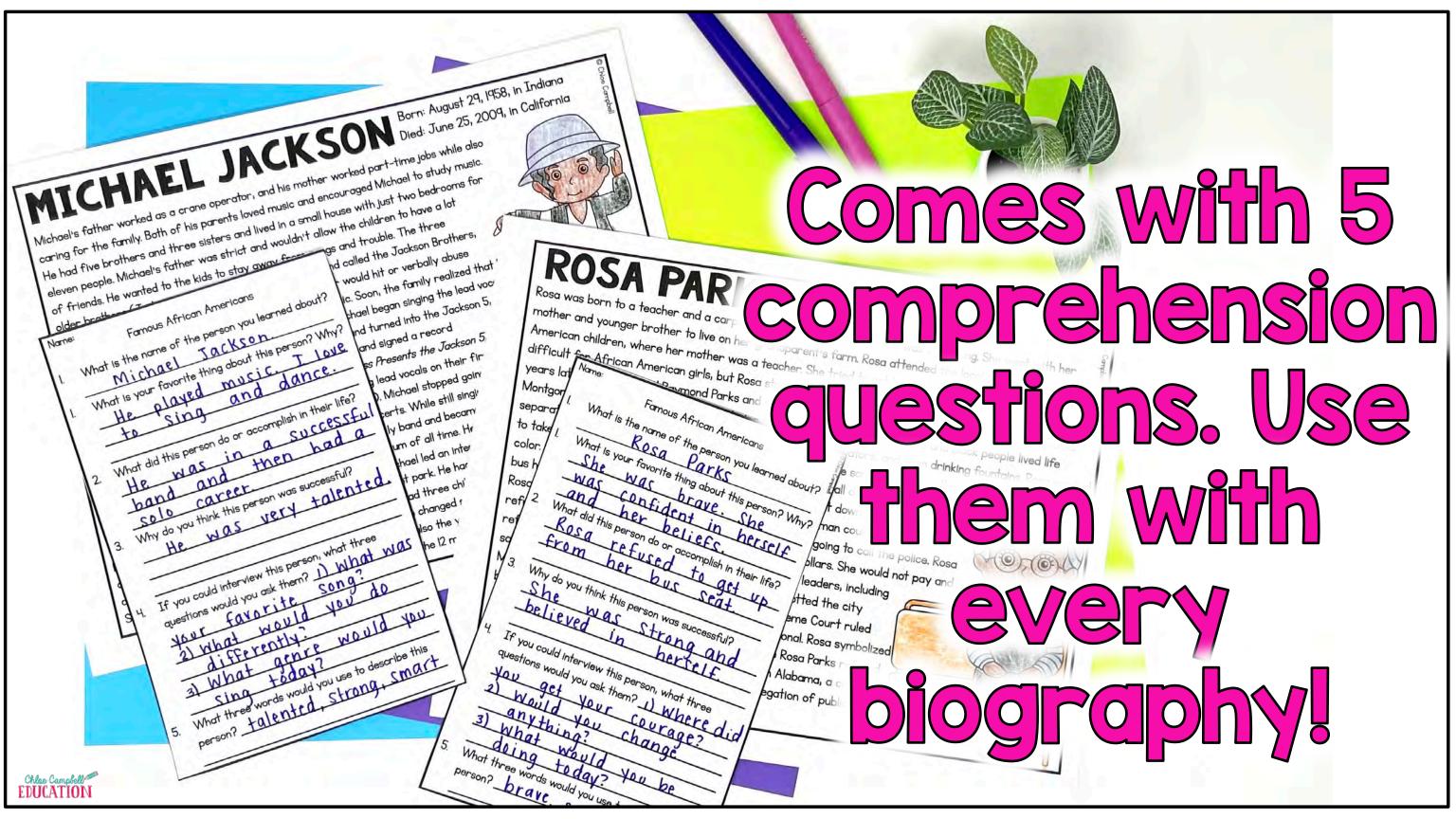
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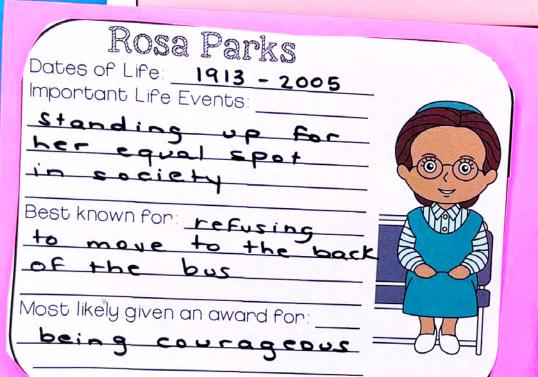
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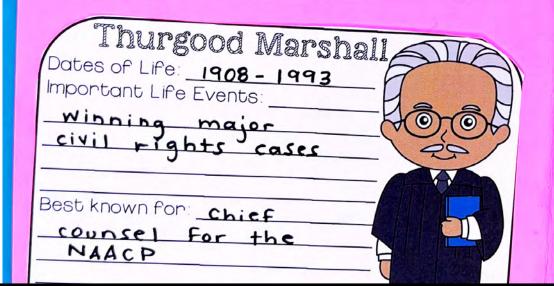
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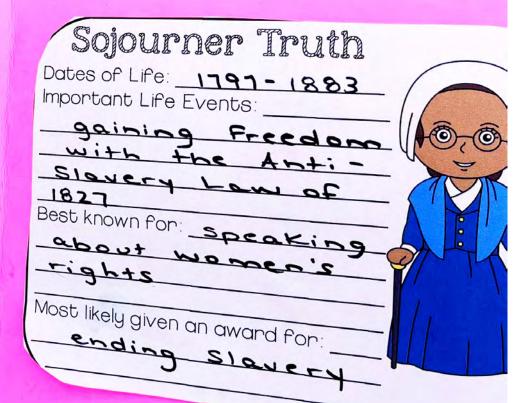
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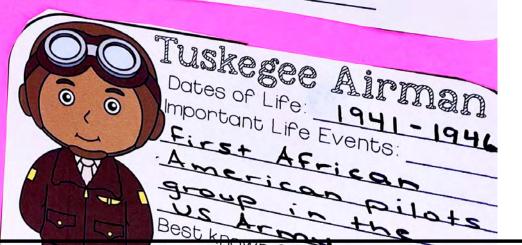


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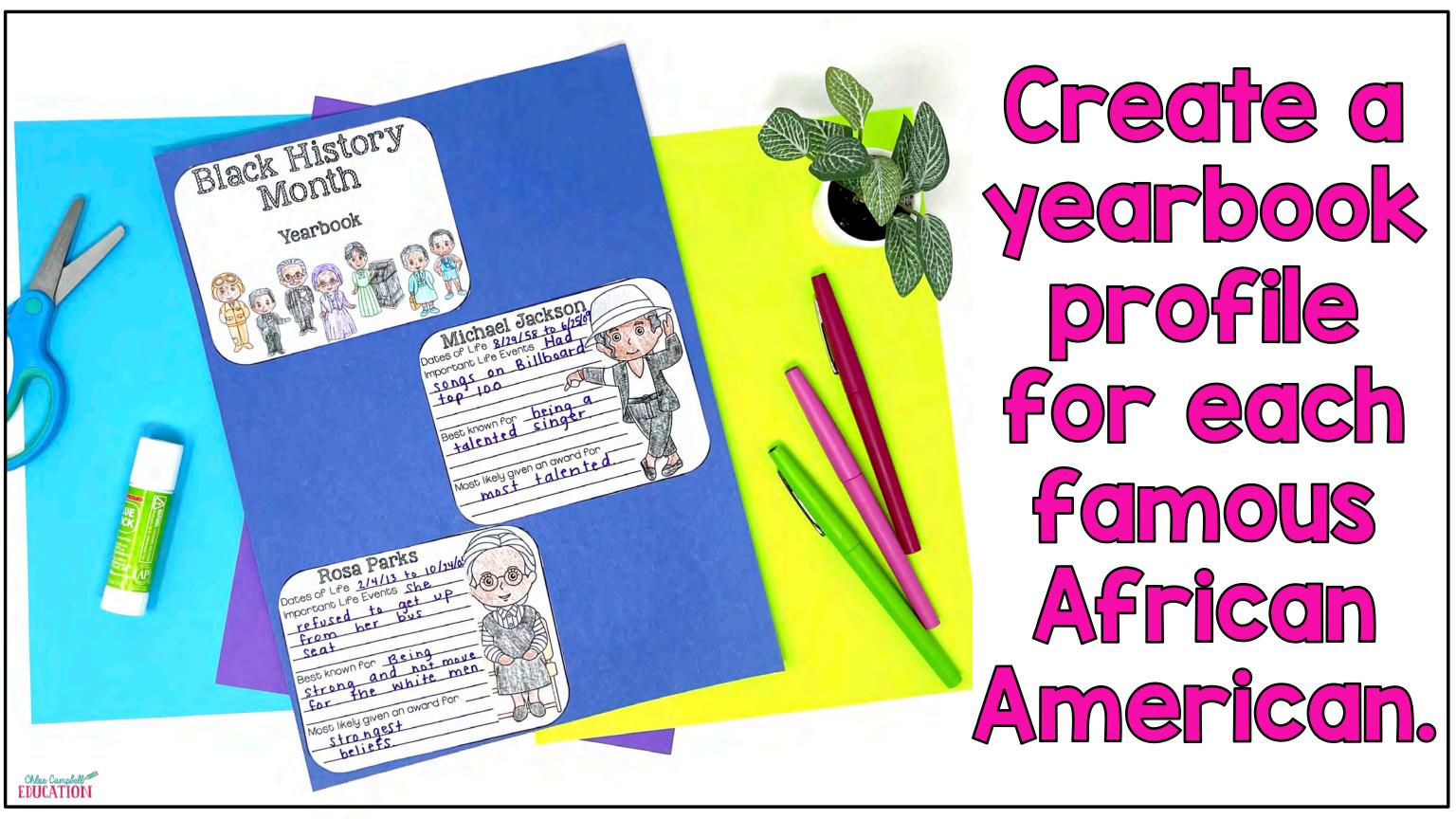












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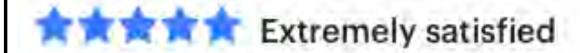
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