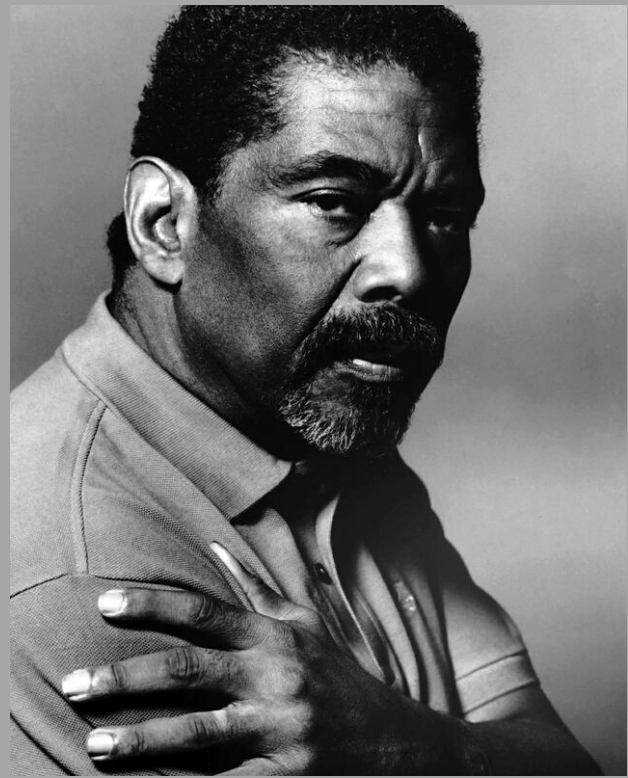


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ALVIN AILEY

1931-1989



- **Alvin Ailey was an African- American choreographer.**
- **He founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Ailey School in New York City.**
- **Ailey's choreographic masterpiece "Revelations," is believed to be the best known and most often seen modern dance performance.**
- **He received awards for his work such as: the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, Kennedy Center Honors, and the presidential Medal of Freedom.**



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MARIE MAYNARD DALY 1921-2003



- **Daly was the first African-American woman to obtain a Ph.D in chemistry in the United States.**
- **She received her B.S. Magna Cum Laude in 1942 from Queens College, and her M.S. in chemistry at New York University.**
- **She later taught and conducted research.**



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SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

1924-2005



- **Chisholm became the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress.**
- **In 1972, Chisholm became the first black candidate for a major party's nomination for president of the United States**
- **She was first woman to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.**
- **"In the end, anti-black, anti-female, and all forms of descrimination are equivalent to the same thing; anti-humanism."- Chisholm**



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MARY MCLEOD

1875-1955



- **McCleod was an educator, civil rights leader, and adviser to five U.S. presidents.**
- **She advised President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of the storied "Black Cabinet" dubbed "First Lady of the Struggle".**
- **She turned her faith and passion for racial progress into the enduring legacies of Bethune-Cookman University and the National Council of Negro Women.**



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CHARLES DREW

1904-1950



- **Drew was an American physician, surgeon, medical researcher, and the first African American to earn his doctorate from Columbia University in 1940.**
- **He applied his expert knowledge to developing large-scale blood banks early in World War II.**
- **Drew protested against the practice of racial segregation related to the donation of blood.**
- **He taught at Howard University's medical school, training a generation of black physicians.**



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KATHERINE JOHNSON

B. 1918



- **Katherine Johnson graduated summa cum laude in 1937 from West Virginia State.**
- **She became a physicist and mathematician who helped launch the first use of digital electronic computers at NASA.**
- **She began working in aeronautics as a "computer" in 1952, She performed the calculations that sent astronauts into orbit and to the moon.**
- **She was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.**

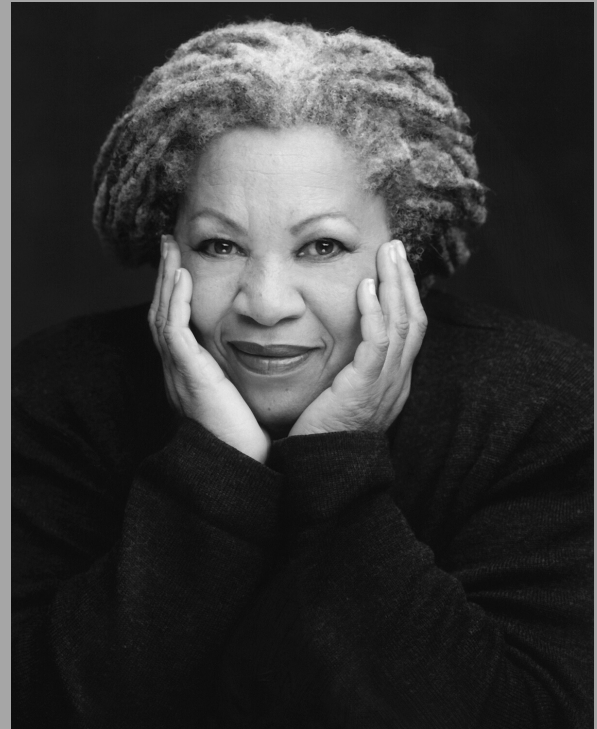


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TONI MORRISON

1931-2019



- **Toni Morrison was an American novelist, essayist, editor, teacher and professor emeritus at Princeton University.**
- **She has contributed not only to literature, but to the understanding of the history of black people in the United States.**
- **Morrison was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award for Beloved, the Nobel Prize in Literature, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and other great achievements.**



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DUKE ELLINGTON

1899-1974



- **Ellington was a composer, pianist, and leader of a jazz orchestra.**
- **His original songs, "Take the "A" Train", "In A Sentimental Mood", and "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" perfectly captured the essence of the black experience.**
- **He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a Pulitzer Prize special citation, the Songwriters Hall of Fame Award, 11 Grammy Awards, 13 Grammy Hall of Fame nods, and a Grammy Trustees Award.**



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FREDA DEKNIGHT

1909-1963



- **DeKnight was the first food editor of Ebony magazine and the author of A Date With A Dish: A Cookbook of American Negro Recipes.**
- **It was the first major cookbook written by an African-American for an African-American audience.**
- **She was a pioneer for the working class, in which she articulated her unmatched love of food.**
- **DeKnight's legacy lives on through the continued use of her cook book.**



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KOBE BRYANT

1978-2020



- **Had 17 NBA All-Star selections, an NBA MVP, five NBA championships with the Lakers, two Olympic gold medals**
- **Was the ambassador for After-School All-Stars (ASAS), an American non-profit organization that provides comprehensive after-school programs to children in 13 US cities.**
- **Started the Kobe Bryant China Fund which partnered with the Soong Ching Ling Foundation**
- **On November 4, 2010, presented a \$1 million check to the Call of Duty Endowment, an Activision-founded nonprofit organization that helps veterans**
- **He and his wife founded the Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation (KVBFF). Its goals are helping young people in need**



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LESTER NEAL

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- **From the south side of Chicago transferred from VC To ASU**
- **Led the pack 12 conference in rebounds as an under-sized forward**
- **Started the "warrior award" at ASU**
- **Won player of the year both years at VC**
- **Played 10 years professional basketball overseas**



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JIM BROWN

BORN 1936



- **Former all-american athlete for the Cleveland Browns**
- **Retired from football in 1966 to pursue an acting career**
- **He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971.**
- **In 1988, Brown founded the Amer-I-Can Program, aiming to turn the lives around of young gang members**
- **In 2016, he was honored with a statue outside Cleveland's FirstEnergy Stadium.**

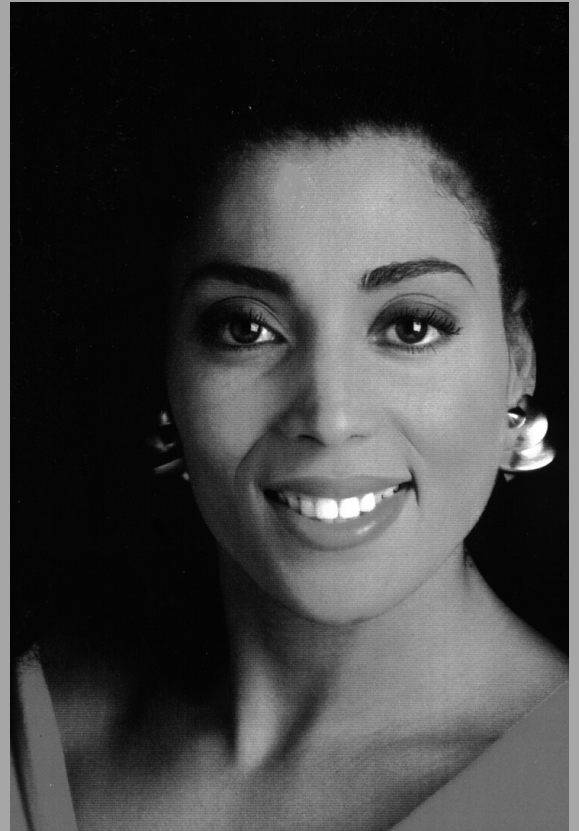


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FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER

1959-1998



- **American sprinter who set world records in the 100 metres (10.49 seconds) and 200 metres (21.34 seconds) that remain unbroken**
- **Competed in the 1984 & 1988 olympic games**
- **In 1988 Griffith Joyner received the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur performer**
- **Griffith-Joyner was born and raised in California. She was athletic from a young age. She attended CSUN and UCLA where she participated in track and field**

