

Bios of African Americans pictured (from left to right)

Barack Obama – First African American president of the United States

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Barack-Obama>

Ruby Bridges – First African American child to attend white schools in the South

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ruby-Bridges>

Annie Easley – “Human Computer” and one of the first African American Computer Coders at NASA

<https://www.biography.com/news/hidden-figures-movie-real-women> (#4)

Jesse Owens – African American 1936 Olympian at games in Berlin. Adolf Hitler intended to use the Games to demonstrate Aryan superiority.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jesse-Owens>

Rosa Parks – African American woman who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. This and other incidents sparked the Civil Rights Movement.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Rosa-Parks>

James Weldon Johnson – First African American to pass the bar exam to become a lawyer in Florida. Also an author, educator, diplomat and songwriter during Harlem Renaissance. Wrote “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

<https://www.biography.com/people/james-weldon-johnson-9356013>

Jackie Robinson – First African American to play professional baseball.

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/jackie-robinson>

Martin Luther King, Jr. – African American pastor, orator and prominent civil rights activist who believed in non-violent demonstrations. At age 35, he became the youngest man ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/biographical/>