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Famous Black Americans Quiz



Match the name of the person next to their description by writing down the letter. **Answers**

A. Beyoncé Knowles-Carter

E. Harriet Tubman

I. Colin Powell

B. Michael Jackson

F. Mohammed Ali

J. Halle Berry

C. Hank Aaron

G. Maya Angelou

K. George Washington Carver

D. Thurgood Marshall

H. Nat King Cole

L. Condoleezza Rice

M. Wilt Chamberlain

H In 1956, this singer, songwriter, and pianist was the first African American to host a national television show.

F Cassius Clay is the boxer's given name. He boasted that he could "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

K This agricultural chemist and experimenter developed new products derived from peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes.

E In 1849, this formerly enslaved person and leader of the Underground Railroad led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom.

D In 1963, this former NAACP attorney became the first African American Supreme Court Justice.

I This individual was appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989 and became the first African American to achieve the highest military ranking in the U.S. Armed Forces.

J In 2001, she became the first African American actress to win an Academy Award for her leading role in *Monster's Ball*.

L In 2005, she became the first African American female Secretary of State.

C This baseball legend broke Babe Ruth's homerun record by hitting his 715th home run in 1974. He made 755 home runs in his career, setting a Major League Record.

A This singer, songwriter, and actress from Houston, Texas is one of the best-selling female recording artists of the 21st century.

M In 1962, this basketball player was the first to score 100 points in a single game, and the first player in the NBA to score 30,000 points.

B This iconic singer, songwriter, and entertainer won 13 Grammy Awards and holds the title for the most Top 10 Singles in an album, as well as the most #1 Singles in an album.

G Her autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, remained on the New York Times paperback bestseller list for two years.