





# Who Am I? African American Female Changemakers

**Directions:** Read each description below. Then, use books and digital research tools to help you match the changemaker to the description. Cut and paste the changemaker's image and name to the correct description. Then, conduct further research using the directions below.

## Answer Sheet

Research Directions:

- Research one of the changemakers online and/or by finding books at the library.
- Next, create a blog, piece of writing, poster, or art to teach others about what you learned.

<p>I grew up in Chicago and that is where I continued my love of dance and studies in science. I joined the Peace Corps after earning a medical degree from Cornell Medical School. I traveled on the space shuttle <i>Endeavour</i>. That is when I became the first African American female astronaut to enter space.</p>	<p><b>Mae Jemison</b></p> 
<p>I was a U.S. congressional representative from Texas. I was the first African American congresswoman to come from the Deep South. I worked to improve workers' rights. I wanted them to make a fair wage, or payment, for their work.</p>	<p><b>Barbara Jordan</b></p> 
<p>I was born a slave in Mississippi. Even though the United States created the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves in Mississippi were not free until after the Civil War. When I was finally free, I became a teacher and a journalist (someone who writes articles). I started my own newspaper called Free Speech. I wrote about racial segregation and discrimination. I was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).</p>	<p><b>Ida B. Wells</b></p> 
<p>I grew up in Mississippi and left school at the age of 12 to work on my family's land. When I got older, I worked with civil rights leaders. I helped African Americans register to vote. I also worked to help people and families that did not have a lot of money or food to eat. I set up organizations to give people business opportunities. My famous quote is: "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired."</p>	<p><b>Fannie Lou Hamer</b></p> 



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Ida B. Wells



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