

# BLACK AMERICANS



All activities are to be completed using the Britannica Student Encyclopedia article “Black Americans” and related articles.

## PART ONE

In each of the groups below THREE of the persons listed have something in common—they worked on the same causes, or at the same time, or they had similar accomplishments or deeds. ONE of the names, however, does not belong in the list.

For each group:

- Cross out the name that does not belong in the list.
- Label the group. What do the other three names have in common?

### 1. Group:

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Cato  
Coleman A. Young  
Gabriel Prosser  
Denmark Vesey

### 5. Group:

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Mary McLeod Bethune  
William H. Hastie  
Robert Vann  
Wilson Goode

### 2. Group:

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Claude McKay  
Robert B. Elliott  
Jonathan Gibbs  
Blanche K. Bruce

### 6. Group:

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Nat Turner  
H. Rap Brown  
Malcolm X  
Stokely Carmichael

### 3. Group:

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Samuel Cornish  
David Walker  
John Russwurm  
Eugene K. Jones

### 7. Group:

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Carl Stokes  
Tom Bradley  
Henry Highland Garnet  
David Dinkins

### 4. Group:

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Hiram R. Revels  
Countee Cullen  
Langston Hughes  
Alain Locke

**PART TWO**

Take each of the items from the list on the left and place them in the chart on the right under the proper era in Black American history.



- “Jobs for Negroes” boycott
- Birth of the Ku Klux Klan
- Black creative talent blooms in New York City
- Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Dred Scott decision
- First black churches and schools formed
- Founding of Liberia
- 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- Franklin Roosevelt’s “black cabinet”
- Freedmen’s Bureau
- Freedom’s Journal* published, first black U.S. newspaper
- Half a million blacks leave the South
- Jim Crow laws passed
- John Brown at Harpers Ferry
- Missouri Compromise
- National Negro Congress
- National Urban League founded
- Southern Negro Youth Congress
- The Emancipation Proclamation
- The idea of “the new negro”
- 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

<b>ABOLITIONIST ERA (UP TO 1860)</b>
<b>CIVIL WAR ERA (1861–65)</b>
<b>RECONSTRUCTION ERA</b>
<b>THE BLACK MIGRATION ERA</b>
<b>THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE ERA</b>
<b>DEPRESSION AND NEW DEAL ERA</b>

**PART THREE**

Choose one of the following important figures in Black American history and look up his or her individual article in Britannica Student Encyclopedia to answer the following basic questions.



**Nat Turner**  
**Frederick Douglass**  
**Booker T. Washington**  
**Harriet Tubman**

**W.E.B. Du Bois**  
**Marcus Garvey**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Year of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Born into slavery? \_\_\_\_\_

What was an important event in this person's life? Why was it important?

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What were this person's goals? Did he or she succeed or fail at these goals?

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What were some of this person's important acts or achievements for which he or she is remembered?

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