

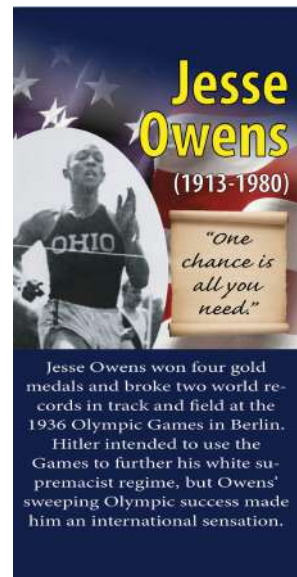
Black History Banners

Celebrate Black History Month with custom printed light pole banners!

These banners each profile a different historical figure with a photo, a brief biography and an inspirational quote. Perfect for libraries and academic settings.

Banners are printed to order and can be made in any size. Available in fabric or vinyl.

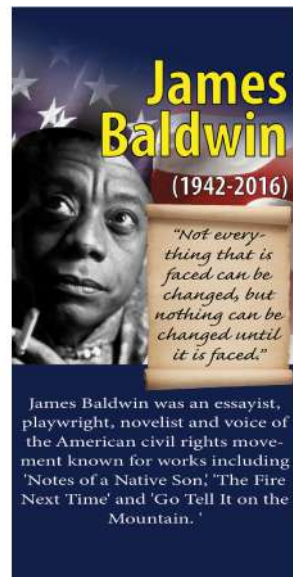
Our design team can create banners that feature people from your unique community, or choose from our 30 pre-made designs shown on the following pages.



Jesse Owens
(1913-1980)

"One chance is all you need."

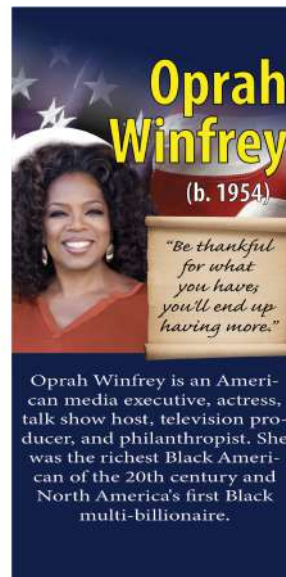
Jesse Owens won four gold medals and broke two world records in track and field at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Hitler intended to use the Games to further his white supremacist regime, but Owens' sweeping Olympic success made him an international sensation.



James Baldwin
(1942-2016)

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

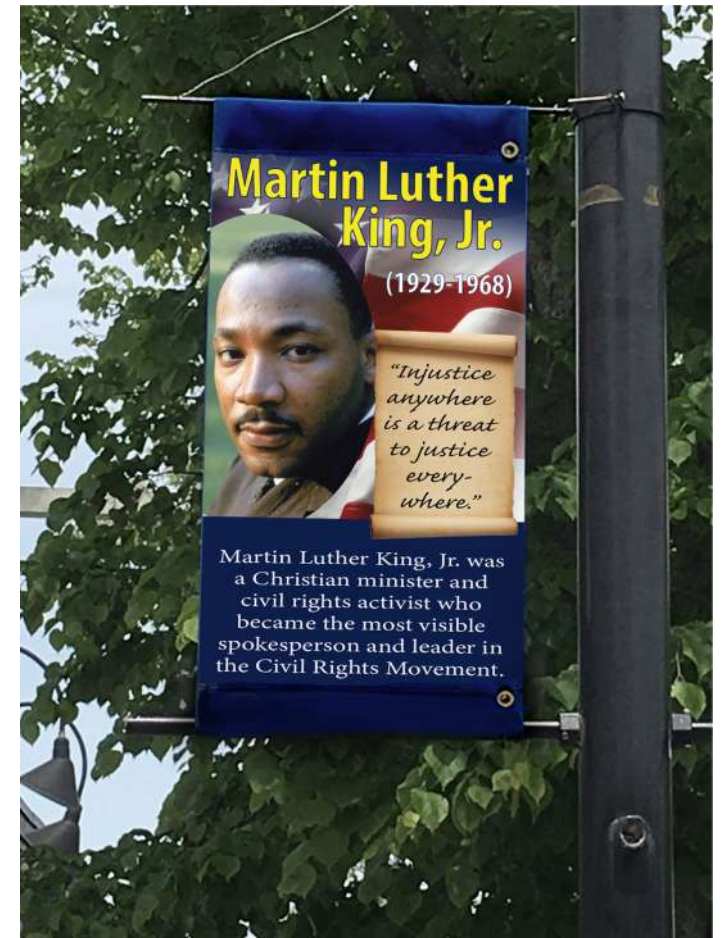
James Baldwin was an essayist, playwright, novelist and voice of the American civil rights movement known for works including 'Notes of a Native Son', 'The Fire Next Time' and 'Go Tell It on the Mountain.'



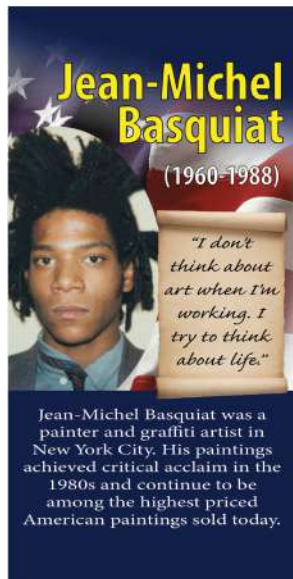
Oprah Winfrey
(b. 1954)

"Be thankful for what you have, you'll end up having more."

Oprah Winfrey is an American media executive, actress, talk show host, television producer, and philanthropist. She was the richest Black American of the 20th century and North America's first Black multi-billionaire.



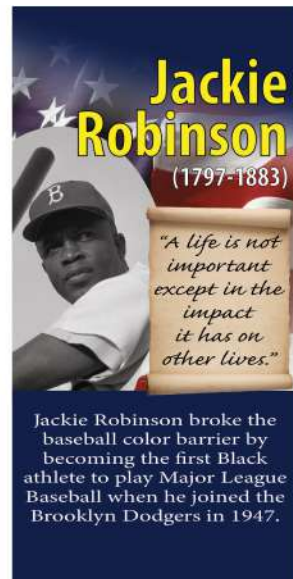
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Jean-Michel Basquiat
(1960-1988)

"I don't think about art when I'm working. I try to think about life."

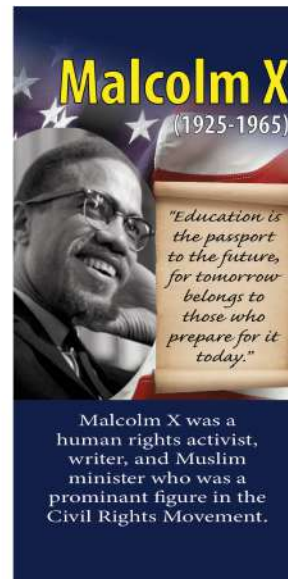
Jean-Michel Basquiat was a painter and graffiti artist in New York City. His paintings achieved critical acclaim in the 1980s and continue to be among the highest priced American paintings sold today.



Jackie Robinson
(1797-1883)

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

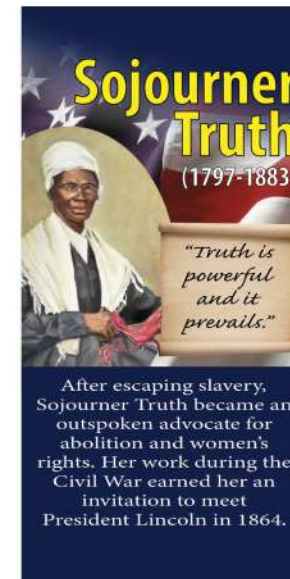
Jackie Robinson broke the baseball color barrier by becoming the first Black athlete to play Major League Baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.



Malcolm X
(1925-1965)

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

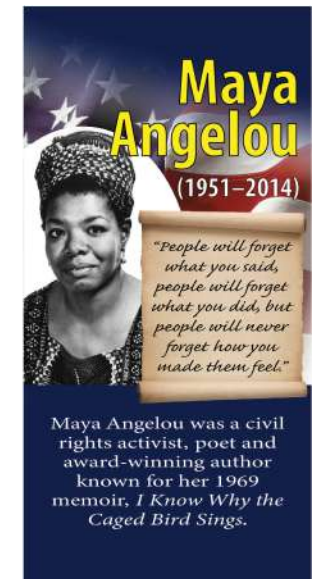
Malcolm X was a human rights activist, writer, and Muslim minister who was a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement.



Sojourner Truth
(1797-1883)

"Truth is powerful and it prevails."

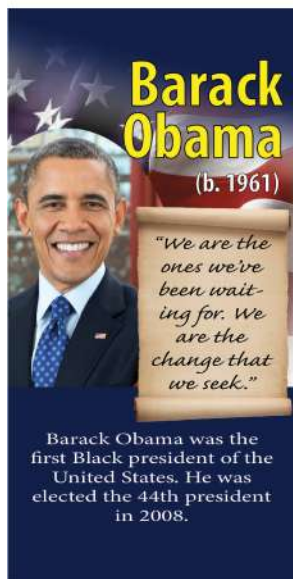
After escaping slavery, Sojourner Truth became an outspoken advocate for abolition and women's rights. Her work during the Civil War earned her an invitation to meet President Lincoln in 1864.



Maya Angelou
(1951-2014)

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

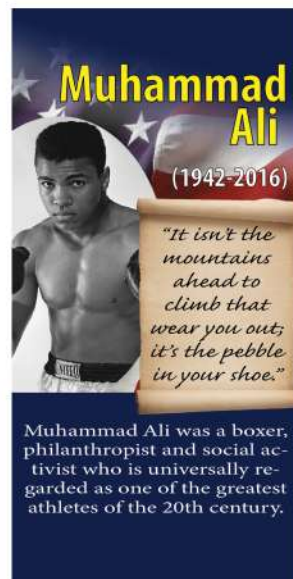
Maya Angelou was a civil rights activist, poet and award-winning author known for her 1969 memoir, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.



Barack Obama
(b. 1961)

"We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

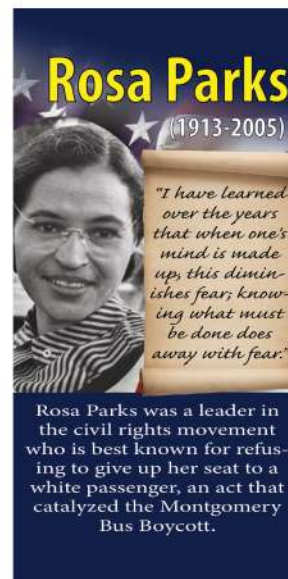
Barack Obama was the first Black president of the United States. He was elected the 44th president in 2008.



Muhammad Ali
(1942-2016)

"It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe."

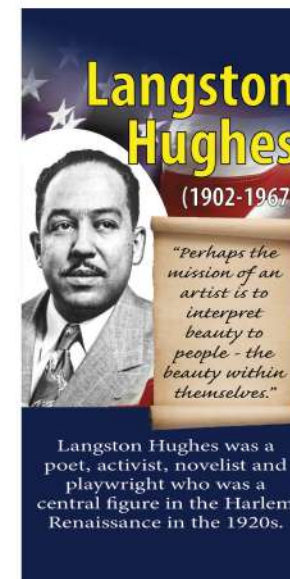
Muhammad Ali was a boxer, philanthropist and social activist who is universally regarded as one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century.



Rosa Parks
(1913-2005)

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

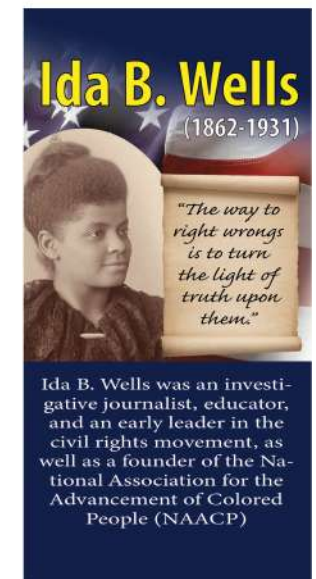
Rosa Parks was a leader in the civil rights movement who is best known for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger, an act that catalyzed the Montgomery Bus Boycott.



Langston Hughes
(1902-1967)

"Perhaps the mission of an artist is to interpret beauty to people - the beauty within themselves."

Langston Hughes was a poet, activist, novelist and playwright who was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s.

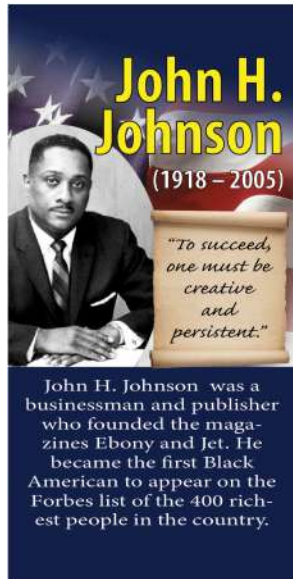


Ida B. Wells
(1862-1931)

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them."

Ida B. Wells was an investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil rights movement, as well as a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

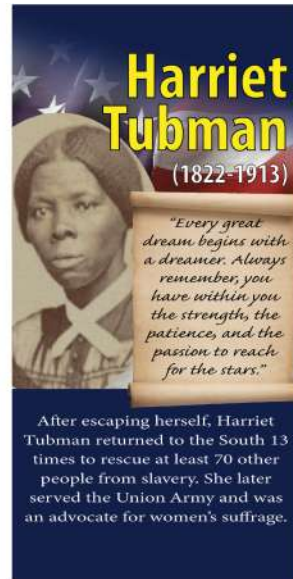
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John H. Johnson
(1918 - 2005)

"To succeed, one must be creative and persistent."

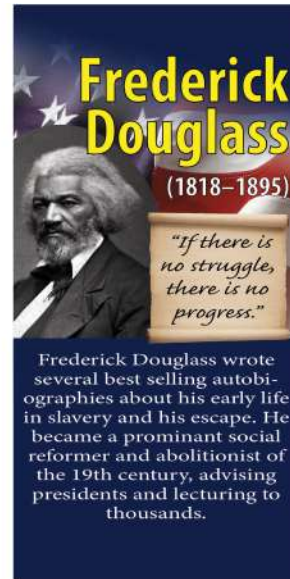
John H. Johnson was a businessman and publisher who founded the magazines Ebony and Jet. He became the first Black American to appear on the Forbes list of the 400 richest people in the country.



Harriet Tubman
(1822-1913)

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars."

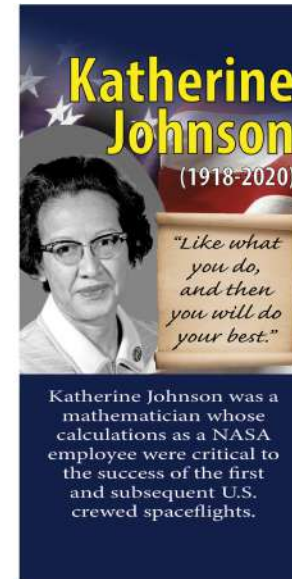
After escaping herself, Harriet Tubman returned to the South 13 times to rescue at least 70 other people from slavery. She later served the Union Army and was an advocate for women's suffrage.



Frederick Douglass
(1818-1895)

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

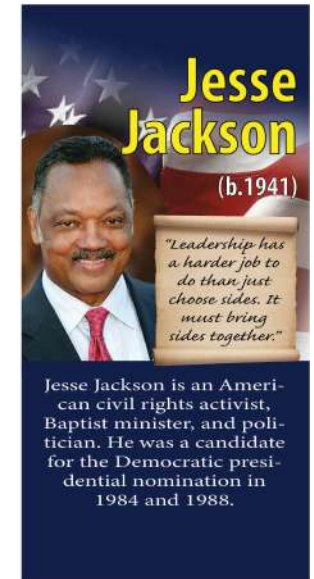
Frederick Douglass wrote several best selling autobiographies about his early life in slavery and his escape. He became a prominent social reformer and abolitionist of the 19th century, advising presidents and lecturing to thousands.



Katherine Johnson
(1918-2020)

"Like what you do, and then you will do your best."

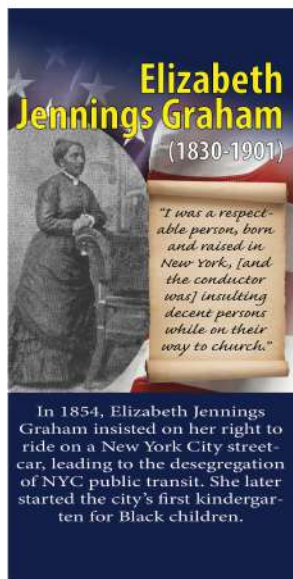
Katherine Johnson was a mathematician whose calculations as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.



Jesse Jackson
(b.1941)

"Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together."

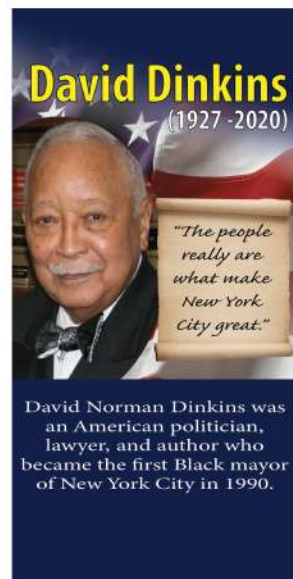
Jesse Jackson is an American civil rights activist, Baptist minister, and politician. He was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988.



Elizabeth Jennings Graham
(1830-1901)

"I was a respectable person, born and raised in New York, [and the conductor was] insulting decent persons while on their way to church."

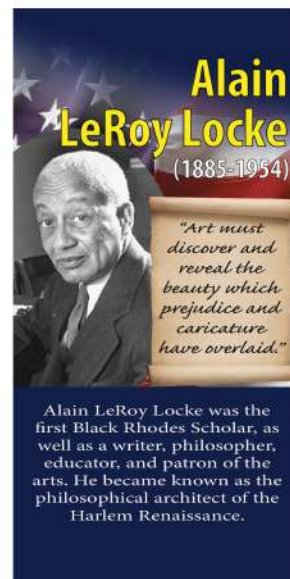
In 1854, Elizabeth Jennings Graham insisted on her right to ride on a New York City streetcar, leading to the desegregation of NYC public transit. She later started the city's first kindergarten for Black children.



David Dinkins
(1927-2020)

"The people really are what make New York City great."

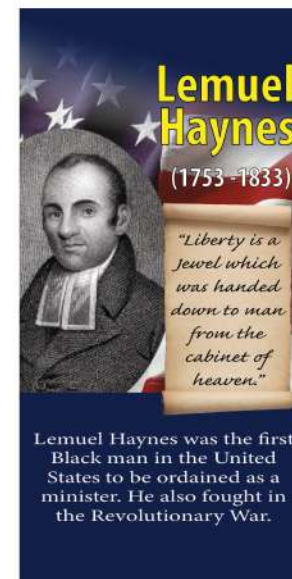
David Norman Dinkins was an American politician, lawyer, and author who became the first Black mayor of New York City in 1990.



Alain LeRoy Locke
(1885-1954)

"Art must discover and reveal the beauty which prejudice and caricature have overlaid."

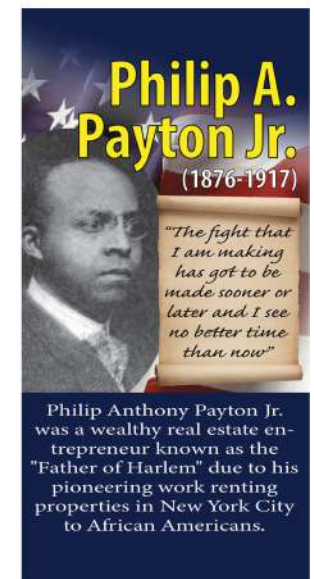
Alain LeRoy Locke was the first Black Rhodes Scholar, as well as a writer, philosopher, educator, and patron of the arts. He became known as the philosophical architect of the Harlem Renaissance.



Lemuel Haynes
(1753-1833)

"Liberty is a jewel which was handed down to man from the cabinet of heaven."

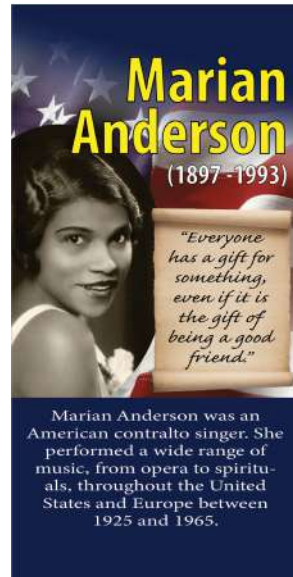
Lemuel Haynes was the first Black man in the United States to be ordained as a minister. He also fought in the Revolutionary War.



Philip A. Payton Jr.
(1876-1917)

"The fight that I am making has got to be made sooner or later and I see no better time than now"

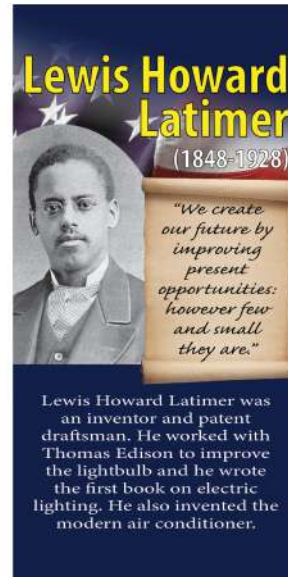
Philip Anthony Payton Jr. was a wealthy real estate entrepreneur known as the "Father of Harlem" due to his pioneering work renting properties in New York City to African Americans.



Marian Anderson
(1897-1993)

"Everyone has a gift for something, even if it is the gift of being a good friend."

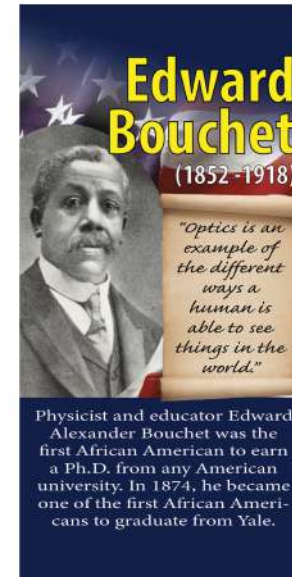
Marian Anderson was an American contralto singer. She performed a wide range of music, from opera to spirituals, throughout the United States and Europe between 1925 and 1965.



Lewis Howard Latimer
(1848-1928)

"We create our future by improving present opportunities: however few and small they are."

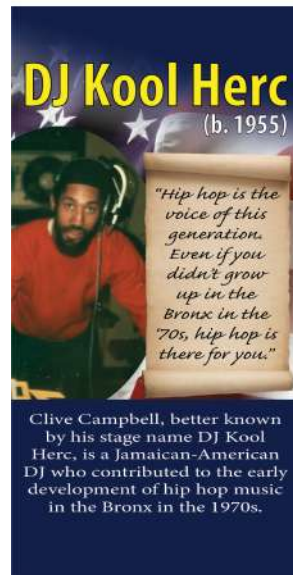
Lewis Howard Latimer was an inventor and patent draftsman. He worked with Thomas Edison to improve the lightbulb and he wrote the first book on electric lighting. He also invented the modern air conditioner.



Edward Bouchet
(1852-1918)

"Optics is an example of the different ways a human is able to see things in the world."

Physicist and educator Edward Alexander Bouchet was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from any American university. In 1874, he became one of the first African Americans to graduate from Yale.



DJ Kool Herc
(b. 1955)

"Hip hop is the voice of this generation. Even if you didn't grow up in the Bronx in the '70s, hip hop is there for you."

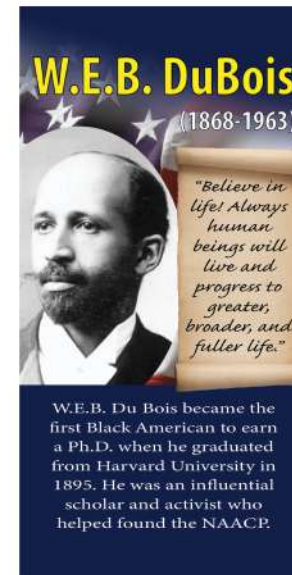
Clive Campbell, better known by his stage name DJ Kool Herc, is a Jamaican-American DJ who contributed to the early development of hip hop music in the Bronx in the 1970s.



Sarah Breedlove
(1867-1919)

"I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. But I made it!"

Sarah Breedlove was the first American woman to become a self-made millionaire with cosmetics she sold under the name Madam C. J. Walker. She used her wealth for philanthropy and supporting the arts.



W.E.B. DuBois
(1868-1963)

"Believe in life! Always human beings will live and progress to greater, broader, and fuller life."

W.E.B. Du Bois became the first Black American to earn a Ph.D. when he graduated from Harvard University in 1895. He was an influential scholar and activist who helped found the NAACP.