

Famous African American Women

- 1.** Who were the founders of the 1st college for black women in the United States? **Sophia B. Packard & Harriet E. Giles**
- 2.** This famous woman was born in January 7, 1891. **Zora Neale Hurston**
- 3.** She was the first African American woman to hold a cabinet position as U. S. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development? **Patricia Roberts, January 7, 1977**
- 4.** The first African American millionaire on a U.S. postage stamp. **Madam C. J. Walker**
- 5.** What was Madam C. J. Walker's birth name? **Sarah Breedlove**
- 6.** Who was the first black female pilot? **Aviator Bessie Coleman**
- 7.** Who is the first African American women to win an Olympic Medal in figure skating? **Debbie Thomas**
- 8.** This famous author received the Pulitzer Prize for "The Color Purple"
Alice Walker
- 9.** Who was the first African American Woman to become Licensed to Practice Medicine in South Carolina? **Matilda A. Evans**
- 10.** In 1956 this woman won the Women Single title at the French Open
Althea Gibson
- 11.** This person was the first African American woman to become an astronaut. **Dr. Mae Jemison**
- 12.** This woman was the first African American woman to be admitted to the Mississippi Bar. **Marian Wright Edelman**
- 13.** This woman was the first African American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. **Gwendolyn Brooks**
- 14.** This woman was the first African American woman contestant in the Miss America Pageant. **Cheryl A. Brown**
- 15.** In 1999 she was awarded The Congressional Gold Medal. **Rosa Parks**
- 16.** She was the widow of Malcolm X and a Civil Rights Activist.
Dr. Betty Shabazz

17. This woman was the first African American woman Presidential nominee.
Shirley Chisholm
18. This woman was the first African American woman to receive a U S Patent- the folding cabinet bed. **Sarah Goode**
19. This woman was the first African American woman was the first President of the National Association of Colored Women.
Mary Church Terrell
20. This woman was the first African American woman Major of the Women's Army Corps **Harriet M. West**
21. This woman was the first African American woman delegate to the United Nations **Judge Edith Sampson**
22. This woman was the founder of the National Council of Negro Women.
Mary McLeod Bethune
23. This woman was the first African American woman to travel in space.
Dr. Mae Jemison
24. This woman was the first African American woman to be crowned Miss America. **Vanessa L. Williams**
25. This woman was the first African American woman named to a Federal Judgeship. **Constance Baker**
26. This woman was the first African American woman elected Judge in the United States. **Juanita Kidd Stout**
27. This woman was the first African American woman awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. **Toni Morrison**
28. This woman founded the National Negro Open Company.
Madam Lillian Evanti
29. She is the first corporate model in the United States and a storyteller.
Nancy Green (Aunt Jemima)
30. This woman was the first African American woman member of the Daughter of the American Revolution. **Karen Farmer**
31. **Carol Mosely Braun** became the first black woman Senator serving from 1992–1998 for the state of Illinois

32. This woman in 1977, became the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under former President Jimmy Carter. **Patricia Harris**
33. The first black female Secretary of State was [Condoleezza Rice](#), 2005
34. [Constance Baker Motley](#) became the first black woman federal judge, 1966.
35. Spelman College the first college for black women in the U.S. was founded by **Sophia B. Packard and Harriet E. Giles**
36. This woman organized “Daughters of Conference and was born into slavery in 1764. **Sara Allen**
37. This woman promoted projects in the movement of the Harlem Renaissance, a playwright and professional librarian. **Regina Anderson**
38. This woman received Special Ambassador, a singer and performer of stage and film. **Pearl Bailey**
39. This woman won a Tony Award for the production of Hello Dolly in 1968 **Pearl Bailey**
40. This woman was a journalist, American Civil Rights Activist. **Daisy Bates**
41. This woman is recognized on the 3rd Monday in February in Arkansas with a official state holiday **Daisy Bates**
42. The first woman of African descent to star in a major motion picture **Josephine Baker**
43. This woman was an entertainer and became an French Citizen in 1937 **Josephine Baker**
44. This woman was a writer, educator, published Weight of Oppression of Black Women on being a Woman and Colored **Marita Bonner**
45. This woman was an educator, lecturer, clubwoman, reformer activist for women and African American women **Hallie Quinn Brown**
46. This woman was the Dean of Allen University in Columbia, SC., from 1885 to 1887 **Hallie Quinn Brown**
47. This woman was known as a radical black activist, educator, philosopher **Angela Davis**

49. This woman is currently a Professor of History of Consciousness at University of California, Santa Cruz **Angela Davis**
50. This woman is an Actress, Activist, the 2nd oldest nominee for Best Supporting Actress **Ruby Dee**
51. This woman founded Religious Order and family is nicknamed, "The Sisters of the Holy Family" **Henriette Delille**
52. This woman was a writer for A.M.E. Review, writer, teacher and a Harlem Renaissance figure **Alice Dunbar-Nelson**
53. This woman founded Children's Defense Fund, was an lawyer, educator, activist reformer of Children's Advocate and Administrator **Marian Wright Edelman**
54. This woman was an A.M.E. preacher and an emancipated slave, nicknamed "Old Elizabeth" **Elizabeth**
55. This woman was the editor of The Oasis, a poet and Harlem Renaissance figure **Jessie Redman Fauset**
56. This woman was the 1st black woman graduate in Phi Beta Kappa **Jessie Redman Fauset**
57. This woman was born a sharecropper daughter, activist and seated as a member of Mississippi legitimate delegation to the Democrat National Convention in 1968 **Fannie Lou Hamer**
58. She was known as the mistress of Thomas Jefferson, a slave and mother of several of his children **Sally Hemings**
59. She goes by the pen name "belle hooks", a writer, theologian, philosopher and writer of "Ain't I a Woman" **Bell Hooks**
60. She was the writer of "Quicksand, a nurse and librarian **Nella Larsen**
61. She was the 1st Sculptor to gain recognition **Edmonia Lewis**
62. She is an educator, environmental activist and received a Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to sustainable development **Wangari Maathai**
63. She founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977 **Wangari Maathai**
64. She is known as a folk singer **Odetta**

65. She was known as an anarchist, writer and Labor organizer of radical American **Lucy Parson**
66. This woman was the 1st black lawyer, teacher, prominent abolitionist, and was both a teacher and student at Howard University **Charlotte Ray**
67. This woman was diagnosed with Polio at the age of 4 yrs.
Wilma Rudolph
68. This woman is the recipient of 3 gold medals despite her illness
Wilma Rudolph
69. This woman was the founder of “a cappella” ensemble, Sweet Honey in the Rock, a singer and activist **Bernice Johnson Reagan**
70. This woman was known as an escaped slave, abolitionist, lecturer and woman’s rights activist **Sojourner Truth**
71. This actress performed the lead in a portrayal in the Autobiography of Ms. Jane Pittman **Cicely Tyson**
72. This woman was one of the “Tigerbelles” and a member of the fastest female sprinters in the world **Wyomia Tyrus**
73. She was a journalist, activist and had a passion for women’s rights, equality and justice **Ida B. Wells-Barnett**
74. She is an influential talk show host, business woman, reporter and black female billionaire **Oprah Winfrey**
75. Which award-winning actress received a BA in African-American studies from Yale and calls St. Petersburg, Florida her hometown. **Angela Bassett**
76. Tyra Banks was the first African American Woman ever to be featured on the covers of several magazines’ EXCEPT: **Glamour**
77. Norma Merrick Sklarek was the first black woman to be licensed as:
An architect
78. Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) started her career in education before moving on to fight for both civil rights and women’s voting rights. What city government position was Terrell appointed in Washington, DC as a notable first? **Board of Education Member**
79. Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman to do what?
Fly in space

80. Pauli Murray was the first black woman to:
Become ordained as an Episcopal priest
81. Who was the first female to win three Olympic gold medals in track?
Wilma Rudolph
82. In 1962, Edith Spurlock Sampson was the first African American Woman to:
Be elected as a U.S. judge
83. Ballerina Janet Collins (1923-2003) was the first black artist to perform on which stage in New York City in 1951? **The Metropolitan Opera House**
84. Ethel Payne (1911-1991) was the first black commentator at this national news organization in 1972 (hint—she worked with Walter Cronkite): **CBS**
85. In what city was Sudanese-born supermodel Alek Wek discovered by model talent scouts? **London**
86. Of the tennis sensation Williams sisters, which is older? **Venus**
87. Cathy Hughes is the CEO of which company? **Radio One, Inc.**
88. In 1988, she became the first black woman to serve as vice-president of a major record company, Atlantic Records. **Sylvia Rhone**
89. Debra Lee, is the president and chief Operating officer of which company—hint this company is the parent company for Black Entertainment Television
BET Holdings, Inc.
90. This Chicago native, wrote the play, “A Raisin in the Sun” which was also the very first play written by a black women that was produced on Broadway.
Lorraine Hansberry
91. The first African-American to play and win a Grand Slam event in tennis.
Althea Gibson
92. The only African American to win an Olympic medal in figure skating.
Debi Thomas
93. The first black skater to win U.S. and World Titles in skating.
Tai Babilonia
94. Beverly Johnson was the first African American model on the cover of which magazine in 1974? **Vogue**
95. The first Black woman to appear on the cover of Time magazine is:
Naomi Campbell

- 96.** Jacqueline Kennedy's wedding gown was designed by this black woman.
Ann Lowe
- 97.** This woman is an American Science fiction writer and the first to receive the MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant **Octavia Butler**
- 98.** This woman is famous for being noted for her Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science **Genevieve Madeline Knight**
- 99.** This woman is the first African women to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry
Marie Marjorie Daly
- 100.** This woman is the first elected female Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bishop Vashti McKenzie