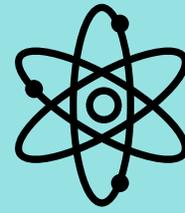
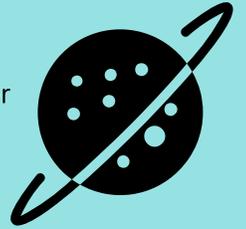


THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT BLACK WOMEN IN HISTORY



1 ROSA PARKS

- James Blake (the bus driver who demanded she give up her seat) had previously ejected Rosa Parks from his bus for refusing to use the back entrance to the bus after paying at the front.
- Rosa Parks was not sitting in a "whites only" section of the bus.
- During part of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Rosa Parks worked as a dispatcher arranging carpool rides for people participating in the boycott.
- After her death in 2005, Rosa Parks was the first woman to lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol.



2 IDA B. WELLS

- When Ida was 16 years old, both her parents died within 24 hours of each other from yellow fever.
- Ida B. Wells was fired from her teaching job in Memphis after criticizing the conditions in Black schools in her area.
- The office of Ida's newspaper was destroyed by a white mob while she was out of town. They threatened to harm her if she returned.
- Ida had 4 children. She often took them with her to political speeches, and was even known to feed the baby while giving a speech.



3 HARRIET TUBMAN

- Harriet Tubman was actually Born Araminta "Minty" Ross, but changed her name after escaping slavery.
- During her slavery, she suffered a head injury that resulted in narcolepsy (falling asleep and being difficult to wake). While asleep she would often have dreams that she said guided her in helping slaves escape.
- Tubman always started her rescues on Saturdays so the slaves had a 48 hour head start before masters could run a Missing ad in the Monday paper.
- Harriet Tubman worked with the Union troops to lead raids and spy on the Confederate Army. It took 34 years after applying for her to receive her veteran's compensation.

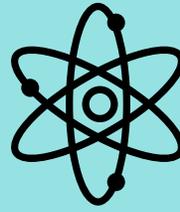


4 KAMALA HARRIS

- Kamala Harris was raised by her mother who earned a doctorate in biological sciences, and went on to be a well-published breast cancer researcher.
- Kamala attended high school in Montreal where her mother was teaching at McGill University.
- In 2013, Kamala performed the first California's first same-sex wedding ceremony.
- Kamala was the first African American woman to be District Attorney in San Francisco. The first African American woman to serve as California's Attorney General, and now is serving as the first African American Vice President.



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5 MAE JEMISON

- In college, Mae learned to speak Russian and Swahili.
- Mae is a trained dancer, built a dance studio in her home, took a poster from her dance school into space with her.
- Mae Jemison is afraid of heights.
- In 1993, Mae resigned from NASA to start her own consulting company called The Jemison Group.



6 KATHERINE JOHNSON

- Katherine Johnson was rejected by NASA the first time she applied. The second time she applied she was accepted, and worked as an anonymous "female computer".
- At the age of 18, Katherine graduated from college. During her time as an undergrad at West Virginia State College designed a course on the geometry of space specifically for Katherine.
- She was one of the first 3 black students to attend West Virginia's Graduate School.
- Before John Glenn orbited earth in 1962, he requested that Katherine check (by hand) the computer's calculations for the orbital equation.



7 MAYA ANGELOU

- After a traumatic childhood event, Maya did not speak for five years.
- Maya Angelou spoke six languages: French, Spanish, Hebrew, Italian, English, and Fante.
- During the 1993 inauguration of Bill Clinton Maya became the first black poet (and second poet ever) to participate in the ceremony.
- In 2000 Maya wrote a series of greeting cards for Hallmark.

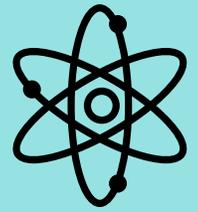


8 MARIAN ANDERSON

- After high school, Marian was accepted to Yale. She did not attend due to lack of funds. She was later offered a scholarship by the Julius Rosewald Fund to study in Germany.
- During her first concert upon returning to the US, Marian was able to perform with a broken foot in a cast, and critics raved about her being one of the greatest singers of the time.
- Marian was denied attendance to the Philadelphia Music Academy because of her race.
- Marian was the first African American singer to perform at the White House.



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9 MADAME C J WALKER

- Madam CJ Walker was born Sarah McWilliams.
- After the death of her first husband, Sarah McWilliams worked as a laundress for \$1.50/day.
- C J Walker was the first female self-made millionaire in the US. She is recorded as having assets worth over \$1 million (equal to \$14.9 million today)
- Vertner Tandy, New York's first registered black architect, designed her 20,000 square foot estate in 1918. It is still standing and is designated as a National Historical Landmark.



10 TONI MORRISON

- Toni Morrison was born Chloe Ardelia Woofard.
- Toni had two sons and often believed she wasn't a good mother because she wanted to focus on her writing.
- In 1993, she became the first African American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The same year she won the Nobel Prize, her house caught on fire destroying her writings. Reports say that one hundred and twenty firefighters showed up to help put out the flames.



11 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

- Before she got into politics, Shirley was an educator in New York beginning as a nursery school teacher, and working her way up.
- Shirley was the first black woman to serve in Congress, and was the first black woman to run for president.
- During her run for presidency she was a member of the Democratic Party, and her name was only listed on ballots in 12 states.
- After her death, a park was opened in her honor in Brooklyn and is the largest state park in New York City.



12 LISA LESLIE

- In 1990, Lisa scored 101 points in the first 16 minutes of a basketball game. The game was called at halftime, because the opposing team refused to continue playing.
- Lisa has won gold medals all four times she has played in the Olympics.
- Lisa was the first woman to dunk in women's basketball.
- After retiring, Lisa became a women's activist, and is part owner of the LA Sparks.



13 WILMA RUDOLPH

- Wilma was born in 1940 and had 21 siblings.
- As a child, Wilma was often sick and wore a brace on her left leg.
- In 1960, she became the first woman to win three gold medals in track and field at a single Olympics.
- After winning her gold medals, she insisted her homecoming parade be racially integrated. It became the first integrated event in the town's history.
- Muhammad Ali had a crush on Wilma, and drove her around in a pink Cadillac.

