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## Famous Feats

Follow the directions below to find out some of the many accomplishments made by famous Black Americans.

**Directions:** Read each name. Write a letter from the grid that matches each ordered pair of symbols below the name. Then use this clue to help you match each famous Black American to his or her achievement. **Hint:** To find each letter, read the grid across and then up.

\_\_\_\_ 1. Lena Horne  
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\_\_\_\_ 2. Sidney Poitier  
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\_\_\_\_ 3. Mae Jemison  
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\_\_\_\_ 4. Jackie Robinson  
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\_\_\_\_ 5. Langston Hughes  
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\_\_\_\_ 6. Thurgood Marshall  
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\_\_\_\_ 7. George Washington Carver  
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\_\_\_\_ 8. Mary McLeod Bethune  
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\_\_\_\_ 9. Billie Holiday  
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\_\_\_\_ 10. Louis Armstrong  
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**Bonus Box:** Of the achievements listed above, which do you think is the most important? Why?

- A. I was the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice.
- B. Born in New Orleans, I became known as one of the world's greatest jazz musicians.
- C. I am a famous black performer known for my beauty and singing of the blues.
- D. In 1992, I blasted off into space on *Endeavour*, becoming the first Black American woman to accomplish this task.
- E. I spent many years doing agricultural research on a special plant.
- F. I was the first Black American to climb to the top of the film industry as a leading man.
- G. I was a Black American educator who fought to improve opportunities for blacks.
- H. I was a Black American author, best known for my poetry.
- I. When I joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, I became the first Black American to play major-league baseball.
- J. After overcoming being partially crippled by polio, I won three gold medals in the 1960 Olympics.

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Black History Month: famous people, decoding

