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# Matching Names of Famous Black Americans

Directions: Complete the name of the person by writing his/her last name. Then, use the Internet or reference materials to research why the person is famous. Write each person's profession below his/her name.

Robinson	Parks	Hughes	X	Anderson
Morrison	Carver	Abdul-Jabbar	Tubman	Ellington

1. Kareem \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rosa \_\_\_\_\_
3. Toni \_\_\_\_\_
4. Harriet \_\_\_\_\_
5. Marian \_\_\_\_\_
6. Duke \_\_\_\_\_
7. George Washington \_\_\_\_\_
8. Malcolm \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jackie \_\_\_\_\_
10. Langston \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Kareem **Abdul-Jabbar** – a famous professional basketball player who is the all-time leading scorer in the history of the NBA
2. Rosa **Parks** – a civil rights activist who was arrested in 1955 when she refused to give up her seat on a bus for a white passenger
3. Toni **Morrison** – the Pulitzer Prize-Winner author of *Beloved*
4. Harriet **Tubman** – a former slave and conductor of the Underground Railroad who helped hundreds of American slaves to freedom
5. Marian **Anderson** – an opera singer who was the first African American to be named a permanent member of the Metropolitan Opera Company and the first to perform at the White House.
6. Duke **Ellington** – a prolific American jazz musician and composer
7. George Washington **Carver** – an educator and scientist who revolutionized southern agriculture and developed more than 300 peanut-based products
8. Malcolm **X** – the leader of the 1960s black power movement; he was assassinated in 1965.
9. Jackie **Robinson** – a star baseball player who was the first African American to play for a Major League baseball team and the first African American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame
10. Langston **Hughes** – one of America's greatest poets