



Famous African American Women

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Use the Encyclopedia Britannica's Guide to Black History at <http://www.britannica.com/Blackhistory/subjects/bio.do> to help you identify each woman listed below. Then do the 3-way match. First draw a line from the woman's name to her accomplishment. Then draw a line from her accomplishment to the year in which it occurred.

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| 1. Gwendolyn Brooks | a. First African American woman to serve in a president's cabinet, in... | 1833 |
| 2. Johnnetta Cole | b. Her first of many blues recordings, "Downhearted Blues," was made in... | 1896 |
| 3. Bessie Coleman | c. First African-American poet to win a Pulitzer Prize, in... | 1922 |
| 4. Prudence Crandall | d. Known as the "Queen of Gospel," she performed at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration in... | 1923 |
| 5. Lorraine Hansberry | e. First president of a new organization, the National Association of Colored Women, in... | 1949 |
| 6. Roberta Harris | f. Famous as the author of <i>The Color Purple</i> , which was published in... | 1959 |
| 7. Mahalia Jackson | g. Became the first woman president of Spelman College, in... | 1961 |
| 8. Bessie Smith | h. She opened a school to educate "young ladies of color" in... | 1977 |
| 9. Mary Terrell | i. First African-American stunt pilot to stage a public flight, in... | 1982 |
| 10. Alice Walker | j. Her play, <i>Raisin in the Sun</i> , was the first drama by an African American woman to be staged on Broadway, in... | 1987 |