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## Outstanding African Americans Activity

Thurgood Marshall said "Equal means getting the same thing, at the same time and in the same place."

**Directions:** Go to <http://www.mrsoshouse.com/ext/afam.html> Click on the links to go to a web site with the answer to the questions. Use the Go menu of your browser to return to this hunt page.

Listen to Drew Underwood read his poem. Keep his words in mind as you complete this activity.

1. What remarkable speech did Sojourner Truth give to the Women's Rights Convention?

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Read the speech. What point is she making in the speech? \_\_\_\_\_

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Sojourner Truth was a former slave. In which state was she held as a slave? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. George Washington Carver was a scientist who offered solutions to problems farmers were having in the south. He found that the solution to one problem lead him to another. How did he respond to these challenges?

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3. When Wilma Rudolph was a child something happened to her that makes her 3 Olympic gold medals all the more amazing. What happened to her?

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4. What do you think is Mae Jemison's most remarkable accomplishment?

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5. Judith Jamison is a famous dancer. She runs the Alvin Ailey Dance Company. Read the interview. Summarize - What does she look for in a dancer?

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6. What kind of music is Scott Joplin famous for composing? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The Medford Point Marines are notable because \_\_\_\_\_

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8. For what contribution to medicine is Dr. Charles Drew known? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Predict - How many Africans Americans do you believe served in the Revolutionary War Army?

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10. Rep. Barbara Jordan (TX) sat on a famous congressional committee. What did the committee do?

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Barbara Charline Jordan - 1976 Democratic National Convention Keynote Address

*"Who then will speak for the common good? This is the question which must be answered in 1976: Are we to be one people bound together by common spirit, sharing in a common endeavor; or will we become a divided nation? For all of its uncertainty, we cannot flee the future. We must not become the "New Puritans" and reject our society. We must address and master the future together. It can be done if we restore the belief that we share a sense of national community, that we share a common national endeavor. It can be done.*

*There is no executive order; there is no law that can require the American people to form a national community. This we must do as individuals, and if we do it as individuals, there is no President of the United States who can veto that decision."*

11. He appeared before the Supreme Court 32 times and won 29 of those cases. Which Supreme Court Justice was known as the "little man's lawyer"?

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Extended thinking: How did his work contribute to the Civil Rights movement?

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12. What was Constance Baker Motley's greatest accomplishment? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Ray Charles overcame many challenges in his life. Which do you think was his greatest challenge?

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Why?

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14. Susie Baker King Taylor contributed to her community in several ways. List two.

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15. Katherine Dunham was a woman of many talents. List three of them.

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16. At the summer Olympic Games in 1968, two black athletes made a silent protest for equality. Who were these men?

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Was this action appropriate?

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17. Bessie Virginia Blount invented several devices. Describe the benefits of her work.

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18. Savion Glover is a brilliant artist. You may remember him from his appearances on a famous children's TV show. In what performance art does he extraordinarily excel?

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19. Clementine Hunter painted thousands of folk art paintings in her lifetime. How did she earn a living?

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20. File Not Found. Web sites are often redesigned. The address (url) of a web page then changes. A link to the page is broken. The information is probably still in the site. This is a challenge to you. Begin by going to the home page of the site. Consider the links provided. It may take several link choices to find the info you are seeking. You can often locate "file not found" pages this way.

Trumpeter, Louis Armstrong, did something reckless as a kid. It changed his life. What was it?

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21. Diane Nash struggled with something as she worked for civil rights. How did her decision contribute to success?

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22. How has Bill Cosby or Oprah Winfrey contributed to shaping a better world?

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23. No African American soldier was awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II. Thankfully, this has been corrected. Select one recipient and note his/her accomplishment.

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24. Langston Hughes was an extraordinary poet. Listen to "Dream Deferred".  
What do you believe is his dream deferred?

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25. Gordon Parks, Sr. was a prolific ... \_\_\_\_\_

26. What happened to Ruby Bridges? \_\_\_\_\_

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Use your online research skills to ascertain the answers to these questions

27. Who was the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize?

What conflict's resolution earned him the award? \_\_\_\_\_

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28. What was Rebecca Lee Crumpler's remarkable accomplishment?

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29. Mose Wright's act took great courage. What did he do? \_\_\_\_\_

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30. Name of the first woman to be laid in honor, in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. \_\_\_\_\_

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