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Black History Month 2020:

TrilbyTV Highlighting Black Pioneers

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BLACK PIONEERS

Martin Luther King Jr

The prominent civil rights leader and activist.

King believed that non-violent direct action was the most powerful way to gain freedom for oppressed people. He said that marches and sit-ins were the best way to force communities to confront issues rather than ignore them.

His 'I have a dream' speech is regarded as one of the finest in history and led to the passing of the USA's Civil Rights Act in 1964.



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Mary Mahoney

The first African American woman to work professionally as a nurse.

Since she was young, Mahoney had wanted to be a nurse. She got a position as a cook, janitor and washerwoman at a hospital when she was 18 and worked hard to get into nursing school.

After graduating she not only was a great nurse, but she worked hard to encourage and inspire more black young women to get into nursing.



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Alexandre Dumas

Author who is best known for 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Count of Monte Cristo'.

Dumas wrote many short stories and novels, mostly about crime, scandals and historical figures. His writing was very popular and he was well known across France where he lived, as well as much of Europe.

His books were translated into over 100 languages and he is the most widely read French author in the world. The home that he built from the money he made as an author, is now a museum dedicated to his life and work.



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Bessie Coleman

Nicknamed Brave Bessie a 1920s aviation pioneer and stunt pilot who encouraged women into flying.

After being denied access to American aviation school because of her race and gender, she learned French, travelled to France and was the first American to gain the esteemed Federation Aeronautique Internationale license.

Throughout her life, travelled around the USA and Europe to perform and she stood up for her belief in equal rights by insisting that crowds at her performances were non-segregated.



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Elijah McCoy

Inventor whose name has become known for meaning something genuine - 'The Real McCoy'.

While working as a fireman on the railways in 1872 McCoy was responsible for greasing the train engine to keep it moving smoothly. Rather than stopping every few miles to pour on oil, he invented a 'lubricating cup' that dripped oil onto the mechanical parts.

The engine could now keep moving and so became more efficient. The orders for this invention poured in and despite competitors making similar devices, people wanted to order the best version also known as "the Real McCoy".

Full A-Z list of Black Pioneers slides

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Adelaide Hall

Dr Donald Shirley

Lilian Bader

Matt Baker

Alexandre Dumas

Dr Harold Moody

Lloyd Hall

Moira Stewart

Bernie Grant

Elijah McCoy

Lord Learie Constantine

Olive Morris

Bessie Coleman

Frank Bailey

Malcolm X

Paul Boateng

Charles R. Drew

Harriet Tubman

Malorie Blackman

Paul Ince

Charlie Williams

Ida B. Wells

Marcus Garvey

Phillis Wheatley

Claudia Jones

Ira Aldridge

Margaret Busby

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Connie Mark

Jan Matzeliger

Martin Luther King Jr

Sonita Alleyne

Diane Abbott

John Archer

Mary Eliza Mahoney

Wilfred Wood

Dr Daniel Hale Williams

Lewis Howard Latimer

Mary Seacole

William Cuffay