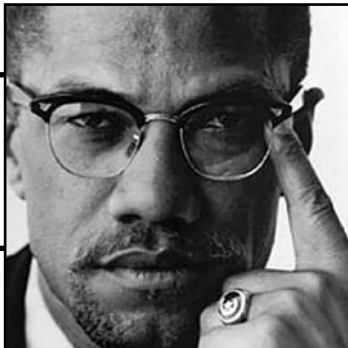




Black Legacy Our Past, Present and Future.



“By Any Means Necessary...”

PAST

Malcolm X

Born: May 19, 1925

Contribution: Human Civil Rights



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Malcolm X was the most uncompromising figure of the black liberation movement. Malcolm X was born in Omaha, Nebraska. When Malcolm was four years old, his family's home was set on fire by a racist gang. At the age of six his father, an outspoken Baptist Minister and supporter of Marcus Garvey, was assassinated by the Ku Klux Klan. After his father's death, his mother sustained a mental breakdown and he and his siblings were split up amongst various foster homes and orphanages. Malcolm fell into a life of crime and was eventually arrested and convicted on burglary charges and sentenced to 10 years in prison. After serving his sentence, he left prison and converted to the Nation Of Islam. Everyone soon discovered that Malcolm was not just a Master Teacher and a born leader yet he was also intelligent and articulate. Malcolm was appointed as a minister and national spokesman for the Nation of Islam. He went all over the United States as well as Africa and the Middle East speaking against racial oppression in brutal and honest terms. Not in vain did he earn the name of the angriest man in America. One of his most famous and often quoted speeches contain the words: "We want freedom by any means necessary. We want justice by any means necessary. We want equality by any means necessary." After a falling out with the NOI, Malcolm was subsequently assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, New York on February 21, 1965. Malcolm X takes his place as one of the twentieth century's outstanding revolutionary thinkers and leaders.



You Go Girl!

PRESENT

Dr. Johnnetta Cole

Born: October 19, 1936

Contribution: Education



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Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole was born in Jacksonville, Florida, where her family had long been established as leaders of the Black community. **In 1987, she made history by becoming the first African-American woman to serve as President of Spelman College.** In 1992, U.S. News and World Report, gave Spelman a coveted number one rating in its annual survey of "Best College Buys." The same issue ranked Spelman the number one regional liberal arts college in the South. In that same year, Johnnetta Cole was named to President-Elect Bill Clinton's transition team as Cluster Coordinator for Education, Labor and the Arts and Humanities. In 1996, Money magazine listed Spelman as the number one historically Black college, the number one women's college and the number seven college of any kind in the United States. In addition to her academic duties, Dr. Cole has served on the board of Directors of Home Depot, Merck & Co., Inc., Nations Bank South and was the first woman ever elected to the Board of Coca-Cola Enterprises.

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