

Great Lives from History: African Americans

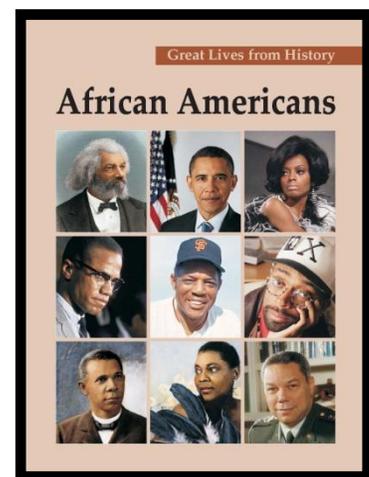
“The **800 essays presented here succinctly outline the lives, experiences, and accomplishments of African Americans** who contributed to fields such as art, education, literature, music, and science. The selections, which are approximately two to four pages each, **quickly and effectively provide important and interesting facts about their subjects.** The strength of the set is the breadth of information offered and the high number of figures included. The coverage spans centuries and describes high-profile people such as Muhammad Ali and Rosa Parks and individuals who are perhaps lesser-known, such as Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and sociologist Kenneth Clark. The **clearly written, accessible essays** open with dates of birth and death and areas of achievement and are divided into three parts—early life, life’s work, and significance—and are followed by further-reading lists. Sidebars, a pronunciation key, and (in most entries) captioned, archival black-and-white photographs are included. The material is **easy to navigate**, given the alphabetical table of contents in each volume and multiple indexes in volume five. Although this is not an ideal set for in-depth, lengthy research, **it is great for quick reference and/or for supplementing longer biographies for reports.**”

-School Library Journal, 2012

“The subject’s significance in history or modern culture, the representation of a wide range of fields and times, relevance to school curricula, and interest to readers make up the criteria for inclusion... **The entries are written in a readable, concise style**, often illustrated with color photos, and conclude with suggestions for further reading and helpful cross-references... This work **serves as a useful quick reference for supporting patrons researching African Americans in history or modern times.**”

-Library Journal, 2011

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“Although numerous African-American biographical reference sources are available online and in print, this new Salem Press set **will enhance any library's collection and is recommended for all general academic and public reference collections.**”

-ARBA, 2012

“As a whole, **this reference work would be a worthwhile acquisition for library collections and a valuable supplement for schools seeking to enhance their holdings in African American history and culture...****Summing Up: Recommended.** Lower- and upper level undergraduates, graduate students, researchers/faculty, and general readers.

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