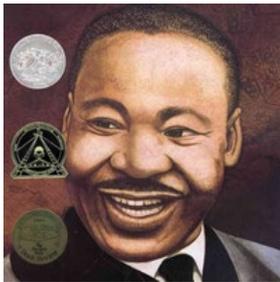




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Martin's Big Words*

Doreen Rappaport

Bring Martin's words to life by listening to a short excerpt of one of his **speeches** and using **primary sources**. Take inspiration from Dr. King's words and create your own **collage** to share how he has inspired you!



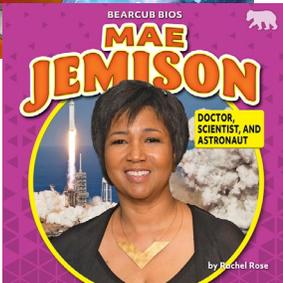
Mae Among the Stars*

Roda Ahmed

Mae Jemison

Rachel Rose

After reading about pioneering astronaut Mae Jemison's big dreams and her biography, connect the story to a super STEM **activity!** Mae made it to space, but how can she return safely to earth? Use household materials to develop a parachute to return Mae safely.

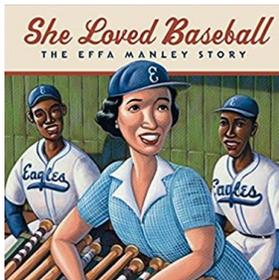


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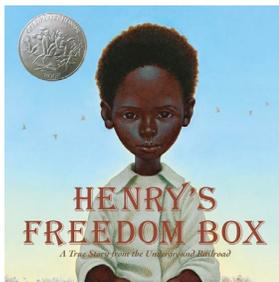
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She Loved Baseball*

Audrey Vernick

Did you know Effa Manley is the only woman inducted into the [Baseball Hall of Fame](#)? Learn more about the [Baseball Negro League](#) and Effa's role as the owner of the Newark Eagles.



Henry's Freedom Box*

Ellen Levine

Could you imagine 27 hours in a cramped box for just a sliver of hope of freedom? Henry "Box" Brown did just that as he traveled the Underground Railroad in hopes of receiving his freedom.

Before reading, take a look at the [map](#) of the Underground Railroad to see if enslaved Black Americans traveled to freedom in your area! After reading, learn more about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad in this short [video](#).

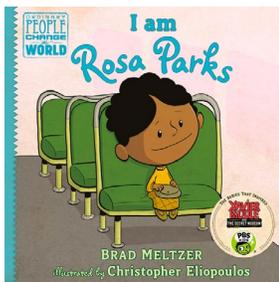
Reflect on Henry's life, choose three words to describe his character and share why those words fit Henry. If you want to learn more about the Underground Railroad, check out these [primary sources](#) and [more!](#)

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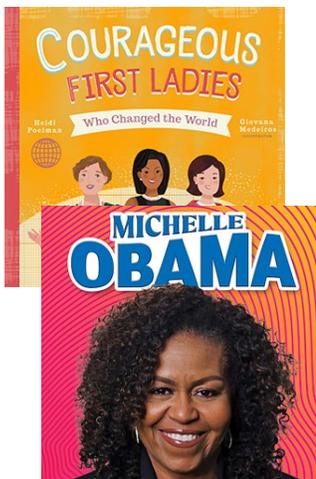
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I am Rosa Parks*

Brad Meltzer

Read about Rosa Parks' courage as she refused to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery! You can learn more about Rosa's life in this [video](#) and then take the [quiz](#). Visit this [virtual exhibit](#) of Rosa's life at the Library of Congress. Have you ever had to do something that took courage? Share what it was and how you felt during and after the experience.



Courageous First Ladies Who Changed the World

Heidi Poelman

Michelle Obama

Rachel Rose

After reading and learning about the former First Lady's life, read along with Michelle Obama to some classic [stories](#)!

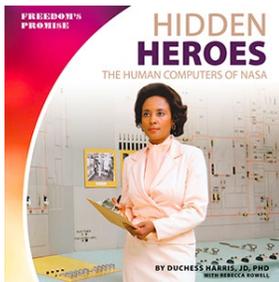
Learn more [fun facts](#) about First Ladies in *Courageous First Ladies Who Changed the World*, then [research](#) and share two interesting facts you discovered!

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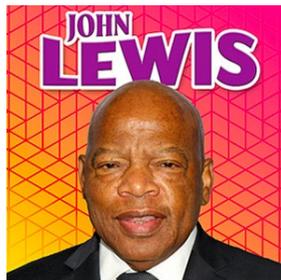
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Hidden Heroes: The Human Computers of NASA

Duchess Harris, JD, PhD

Did you know that black women helped NASA win the space race? You'll be amazed at what you learn in this book and these videos of [Katherine Johnson](#) and [Dorothy Vaughan](#) will bring these human computers to life!



John Lewis

Rachel Rose

"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble," were the wise words of the late Representative John Lewis, who was an iconic figure in the civil rights movement and worked throughout his life to make laws more just for all people.

After reading about John's life and legacy, check out these photos of his work on the [Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee](#). Next, listen to John Lewis speak about his famous [speech](#) at the March on Washington. John Lewis spent his life speaking out against injustice.

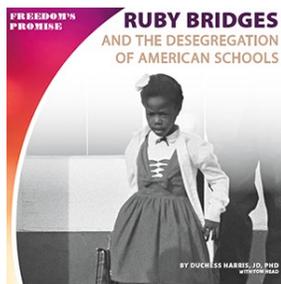
Can you think of an injustice taking place today? What do you think John Lewis would say about it?

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Ruby Bridges and the Desegregation of American Schools

Duchess Harris, JD, PhD

Ruby Bridges is an American Hero! Many know Ruby from the picture of her first day of school, flanked by federal marshals, as she entered an all-white school and began the road to desegregation. This biography is packed with facts about Ruby from her role in desegregation to her current work as a civil rights activist. Reading a chapter at a time is a way to take time for discussion around a complex topic.

Introduce Ruby to readers by showing them the iconic Rockwell [painting](#) (offensive language shown), The Problem We All Live With. After reading Chapter 1, visit [BrainPop](#) to watch a brief video and take a quiz about Ruby Bridges. Continue reading and then visit [Scholastic](#) for images of the Civil Rights Movement. The [sounds](#) of the Civil Rights Movement are a great example of how music can also teach us about history. Wrap up learning about Ruby Bridges by brainstorming ways to positively bring change.

Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail.
-Ruby Bridges

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