

Heroes Who Served

Identify African Americans whose actions showed heroism and patriotism.

SS.3.AA.1.1 "Identify African Americans who demonstrated heroism and patriotism (e.g., Booker T. Washington, Jesse Owens, Tuskegee Airmen, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, President Barack Obama, 1st Lt. Vernon Baker, Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline only these eight names or groups: Booker T. Washington, the Tuskegee Airmen, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Owens, 1st Lt. Vernon Baker, Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, and Barack Obama. Then circle one nearby phrase for each that tells what the person or group did.

Actions for America

- ① In the late 1800s, Booker T. Washington helped start Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. The school taught Black students academic subjects and job skills. Washington believed education could help people build stronger lives and communities. Years later, the Tuskegee Airmen served as military pilots and support workers during World War II. They defended the United States even though the military was segregated.
- ② In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. Her brave choice helped begin a bus boycott. Martin Luther King Jr. led nonviolent protests for equal rights. He asked the nation to live up to its promise of fairness. At the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Jesse Owens won four gold medals for the United States.
- ③ During World War II, 1st Lt. Vernon Baker showed courage in Italy while serving in the U.S. Army. He later received the Medal of Honor for his actions. Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and also received the Medal of Honor. In 2008, Barack Obama was elected the first African American president of the United States. Their service and leadership showed patriotism.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which educator helped start Tuskegee Institute? What did he believe education could help people do?

2 How did the Tuskegee Airmen show patriotism during World War II?

3 What did Rosa Parks do, and what kind of protests did Martin Luther King Jr. lead?

4 Which two U.S. Army soldiers received the Medal of Honor?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King Jr. Write exactly three sentences. Name the person, describe an action from the passage, and explain how the action showed heroism or patriotism.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline only these eight names or groups: Booker T. Washington, the Tuskegee Airmen, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Owens, 1st Lt. Vernon Baker, Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, and Barack Obama. Then circle one nearby phrase for each that tells what the person or group did. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which educator helped start Tuskegee Institute? What did he believe education could help people do?	Booker T. Washington helped start Tuskegee Institute. He believed education could help people build stronger lives and communities.
2	How did the Tuskegee Airmen show patriotism during World War II?	They served as military pilots and support workers, defending the United States even though the military was segregated.
3	What did Rosa Parks do, and what kind of protests did Martin Luther King Jr. lead?	Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. Martin Luther King Jr. led nonviolent protests for equal rights.
4	Which two U.S. Army soldiers received the Medal of Honor?	1st Lt. Vernon Baker and Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris received the Medal of Honor.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Rosa Parks showed heroism. She refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. Her brave choice helped begin a bus boycott.

Accept answers that accurately match each person or group with an action stated in the passage. For the open response, accept a reasonable explanation of heroism or patriotism that is supported by the selected person's action.