

Jackie Robinson

**J**anuary 31, 1919, born in Georgia

**A**ll-around athlete

**C**hallenged racism

**K**ept his temper

**I**gnored insults

**E**normous pressure from other players

**R**ookie of the year 1947

**O**ff season youth director at the YMCA

**B**roke the color barrier

**I**ntegrated baseball in 1946

**N**AACP gives him the Spingarn Medal

**S**pirit would help him win six pennants

**O**ctober 24, 1972, he died

**N**ew York Giants, 1956

# Duke Ellington's Life

**D**aisy is his mom

**U**ses a piano to play jazz

**K**wanzaa became a holiday when he was 67

**E**ating dessert first was his habit.

**E**njoyed slicking hair back and dressing well

**L**ed an orchestra

**L**ived for jazz

**I**nspired by ragtime pianist Harvey Brooks

**N**icknamed "Duke" by a classmate

**G**ives music around the world

**T**hirteen was his lucky number

**O**nly allowed to sleep in African-American hotels in the south

**N**ixon invited Duke to the White House!

## **Martin Luther King Jr.**

**M**arried to Coretta Scott

**A**n awesome man

**R**eceive the Nobel peace prize

**T**aught to read by mother

**I** have a dream

**N**amed man of the year in 1963 by Time magazine

**L**ife cut short

**U**rged people to boycott buses in Montgomery

**T**old people not to use violence

**H**oped that African Americans would be equal

**E**nd of his life, April 14, 1968

**R**eally smart

**K**ind and generous -donated \$54,123 to the civil rights movement

**I**nspired African Americans against racism

**N**onviolence was his message

**G**raduated high school at age 15

**J**anuary, national holiday in his name

**R**emembered as a hero

**Jacob Falace**  
**Black History Month Poem**

**Louis Armstrong**

**L**ots of jazz music

**O**dd jobs when he was a kid

**U**sed a bugle when he was a kid

**I**mprovised solos were legendary

**S**cars on lips from playing the trumpet

**A**udience hung on his every note

**R**are talent

**M**other lived in bad neighborhood

**S**wing that **M**usic, his first book

**T**ypewriter was always with him

**R**ecorded **M**ack **T**he **K**nife

**O**liver (King Oliver) was Armstrong's hero

**N**ame of Armstrong's jazz band was Hot Five

**G**angsters sold liquor while Louis Armstrong  
entertained