

# WOODLAWN'S BLACK & LATINO MEN



*Illinois Jacquet*



*Lionel Hampton*

# OF GREATNESS

ACTIVITY BOOK



*Miles Davis*  
*(1926-1991) - Jazz Musician*

When his father pushed him to go to college, young Miles decided to compromise and went to Juilliard, the famous music school in New York City. His passion for jazz, the hot music of the time, was his calling. Miles Davis left New York and went on the road with Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, the stars of the time. The trumpet player went on to become the great innovator, known for “Cool Jazz,” and even mixing jazz with Rock ‘n Roll. He left a legacy of creativity with the courage to be an independent force.

**What is your passion? Write a page, or draw a picture of your vision for your future.**



**Note to teachers: Check out Miles Davis 60 minutes interview on YouTube.**



*Rudolph Fisher*  
*(1897-1934) - Physician, Author*

Everyone likes a good mystery. Even though he was a successful physician with degrees from Brown University and Howard Medical School, Rudolph Fisher wanted to write stories. He is remembered as one of the most talented writers of the Harlem Renaissance, a time when African American culture dominated the New York scene. His mystery books, *The Walls of Jericho* (1928) and *The Conjure Man Dies* (1932) were the stories everyone couldn't wait to read! Rudolph Fisher's legacy is as a memorable writer, with books that will be read for generations to come.

**Writing is one way to leave your legacy. What are some of the other careers that leave things for future generations?**

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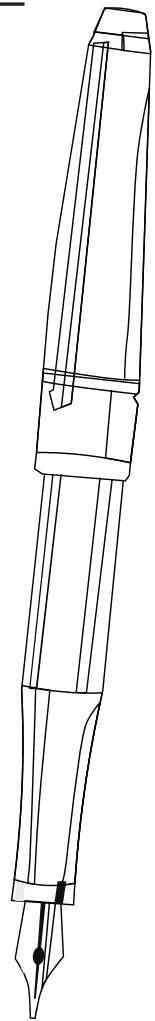
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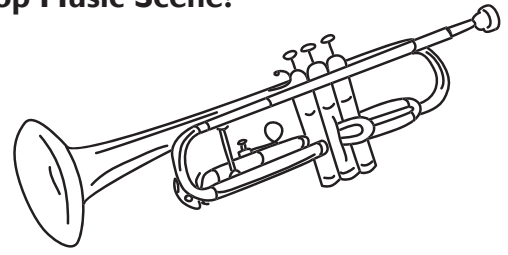
**Note to Teachers: Read passages from Conjure Man. Ask students how this tells the story of what life was like in Harlem during the Renaissance.**



*Pedro Knight*  
(1921-2007) – *Musician, Manager*

A talented trumpet player, Pedro Knight left his homeland of Cuba searching for freedom in America. He settled in New York City at a time when Salsa music was the rage and Celia Cruz was an emerging star. They fell in love, married and became the power couple of the Latin music scene. Pedro decided his time was better spent managing his superstar wife and for forty years the pair ruled the charts! Rather than play in the band, he decided his legacy would be to conduct the orchestra, managed tours and took care of the woman who called him “Cotton Top,” because of his bright white head of hair.

Name some of the Power Couples from the Latin and Hip Hop Music Scene?



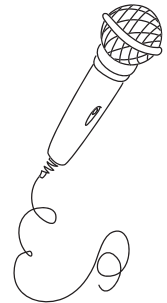
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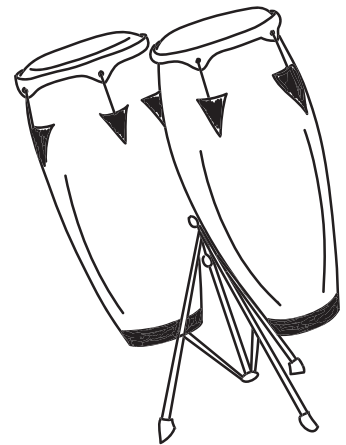


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Note to Teachers: Watch an interview with Pedro Knight and Celia Cruz on YouTube.



*Canada Lee (Leonard Canegata)*  
*(1907-1952) - Athlete, Actor & Activist*

As a young black man, Canada Lee thought a career in sports was the path to a successful future. He discovered he had a talent for acting, starting out on the stage. He was able to break racial barriers, being one of the first men of color to have leading roles. He starred on Broadway in *Native Son*, and then moved to Hollywood to pursue a career in film where he appeared in *Lifeboat* (1944), *Body and Soul* (1947), *Lost Boundaries* (1949) and *Cry, the Beloved Country* (1951). His promising career ended during the McCarthy Era when he was listed among "The Hollywood Ten." Lee's legacy in organizations established in his memory that fight for equal rights and a foundation established to provide scholarships for actors of all races.



Can you name sports figures and actors who are demonstrating for their rights?  
How do they speak out?

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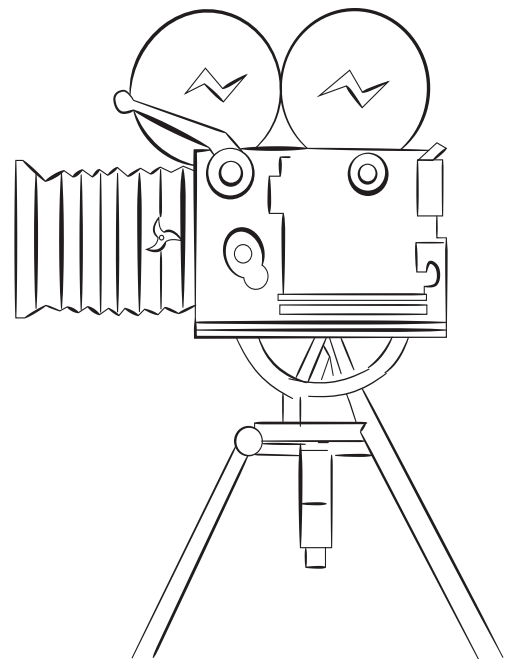
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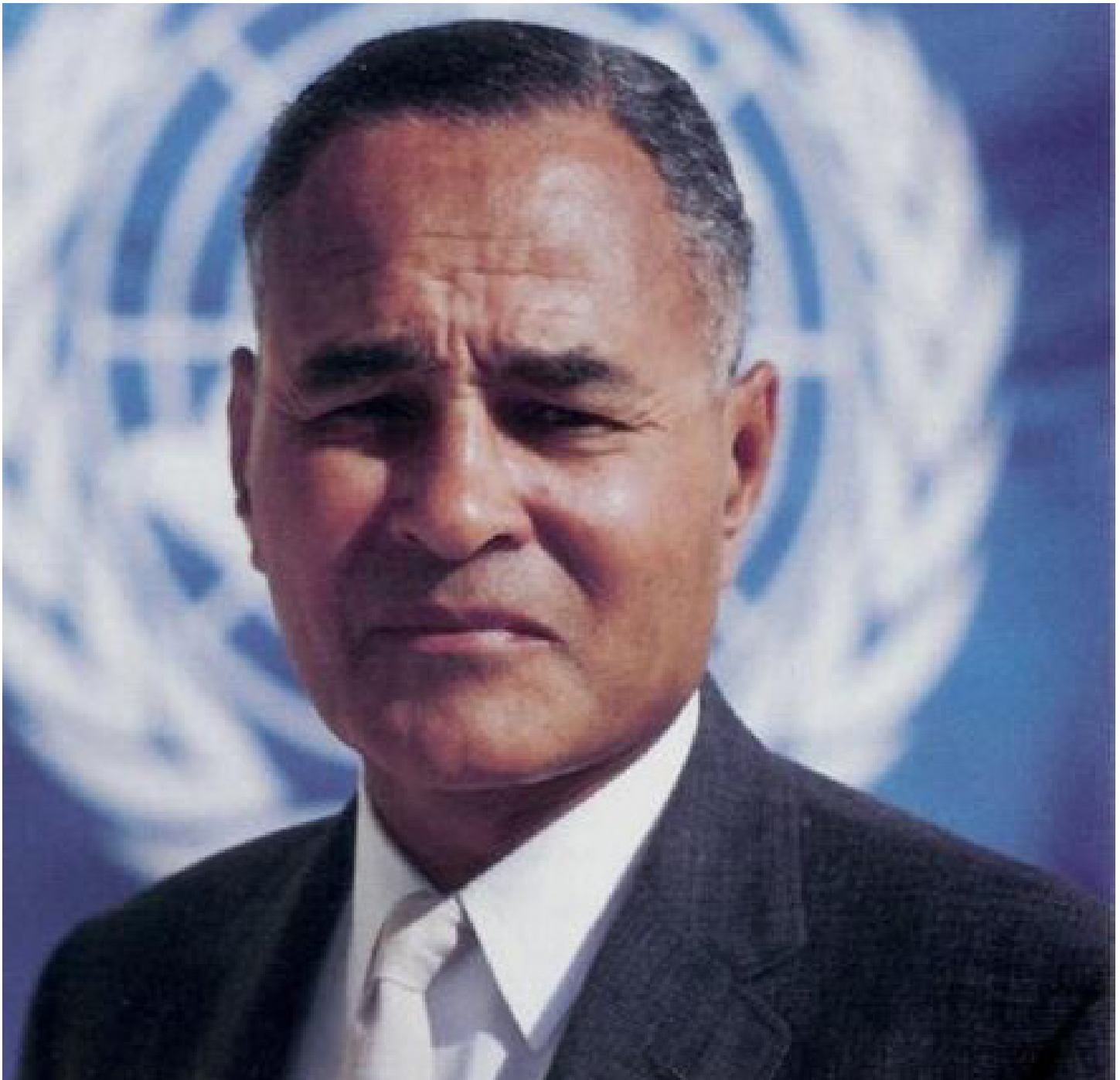
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**Note to teachers:** There are several clips of Canada Lee on YouTube



*Ralph Bunche*  
*(1904-1971) Political Scientist and Diplomat*

One of the highest honors a person can receive is the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1949, Ralph Bunche was given this award for negotiating peace in the Middle East. Bunche was born in Detroit, raised by his grandmother in Los Angeles, following the death of his mother when he was only thirteen. After receiving his college degrees, he dedicated much of his life to bringing people of different cultures, colors, and religious beliefs together with the hope of initiating peaceful and reasonable dialogue. Bunche's legacy of respect for others was acknowledged in 1963 when he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**Ralph Bunche was famous for being an excellent government negotiator. Have you ever written a letter to your Congressman or Congresswoman to express your opinion on a particular political issue? Write a letter below expressing your opinion on something that is important to you.**

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**Note to teachers: Ralph Bunche Park is a good place for a picnic after a visit to the United Nations**



*Alex Pompez*  
*(1890-1974) Team Manager and Scout*

When Cuban born Alex Pompez arrived in New York, he dreamed of a career in baseball, but discovered there was no place for him in the major leagues. He pursued his dream by becoming a leader in what was known as the “Negro Leagues” teams that hired men of color. He managed the Cuban Stars and as a scout established his legacy of providing opportunities for players from the Caribbean to play ball in the United States. His perseverance and accomplishments were acknowledged in 2006 when Alex Pompez was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Can you name 4 African American or Latino men that are currently playing in the Big Leagues?

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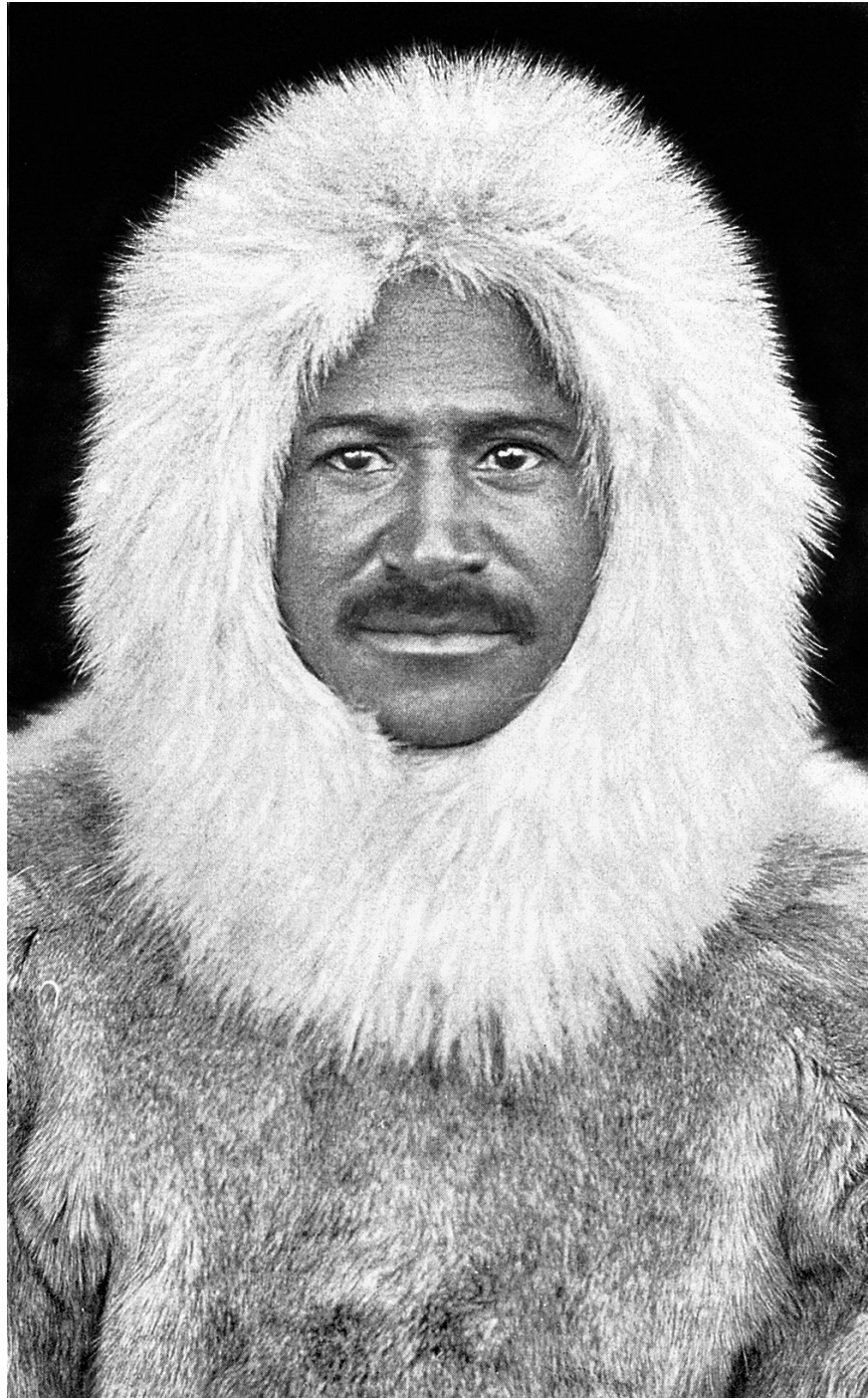
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**Note to teachers: Watch the Buck O'Neill Hall of Fame Induction Speech**



## *Matthew Henson*

*(1867-1955) Explorer*

More than a century ago, there was a great rush to be the first man to reach the North Pole. To achieve that goal, Admiral Robert Peary asked Matthew Henson, an experienced navigator and man of science to help him get to the top of the globe. Henson wrote in his journal: "As I stood there at the top of the world and thought of the hundreds of men who at last lost their lives in the effort to reach it, I felt profoundly grateful that the commander had the honor of representing my race in the historic achievement." It wasn't until years after his death that this forgotten man of color was recognized for his skills and achievement. In 1988, the President of the United States ordered Henson's remains be moved to Arlington National Cemetery where he rests with Peary under a monument that tells the story of his legacy.

Can you name others who have provided support to accomplish a goal? Why is being part of a team so important?

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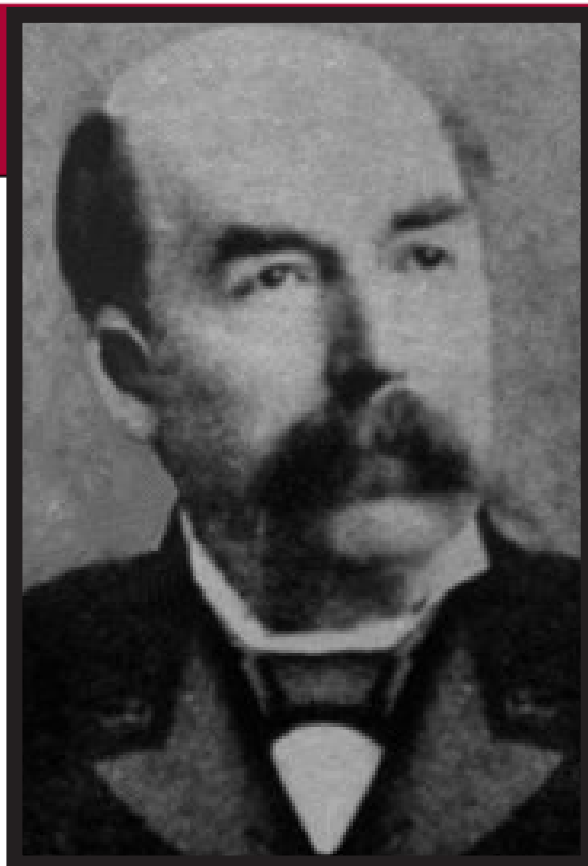
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*Julio Henna*  
*(1848-1924) Doctor*  
*and Political Activist*



Have you ever questioned your government? Dr. Julio Henna loved his homeland of Puerto Rico and the nation that adopted him. Arrested and put in jail as an activist dedicated to freeing Puerto Rico from Spanish rule, Henna was sent to America where it was thought he could be stopped from causing trouble. His legacy is the letter he wrote which was printed in the papers that made many fight for freedom and independence.





# Word Search

Can you find the names of some of some of Woodlawn's notable men?

Answers may be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

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Ralph Bunche  
Ivan Bynoe  
Countee Cullen  
Matthew Henson

Hal Jackson  
Alex Pompez  
Wesley Redding  
John R. Strachen

James S. Watson  
Roy Innis  
Ornette Coleman  
Lionel Hampton

Illinois Jacquet  
Jackie McLean  
Max Roach

# Word Scramble

Unscramble the words to find the names of  
Woodlawn's notable men.

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