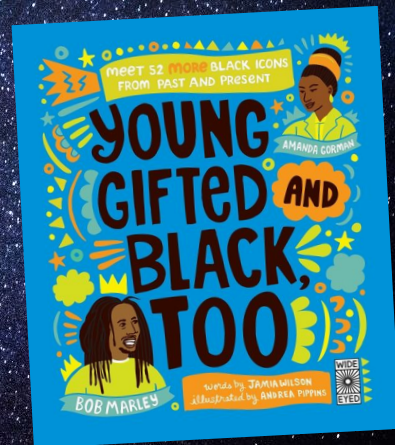


PARENTING FOR
LIBERATION

VIRTUAL STORYTIME

with Jamia Wilson



AGENDA

Arrival and Greetings

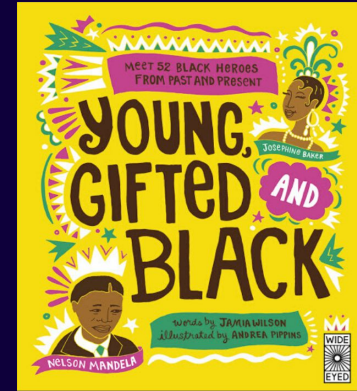
Welcome

Check-In: Call & Response

Readings:

- **Young, Gifted & Black Too!**
 - **Activity**

Closing





Ashley Karell

- **Mama**
- **Founder of Nature Time Oakland**
- **Forest School teacher**



Jamia Wilson

- **Movement builder, Storyteller, & Feminist Activist and Writer**
- **Vice President & Executive Editor at Random House**



Trina Greene

- **Black Mama**
- **Founder of Parenting for Liberation**
- **Professor at CSUF**

Grounding Poem

“I Am”

by Linda Goss

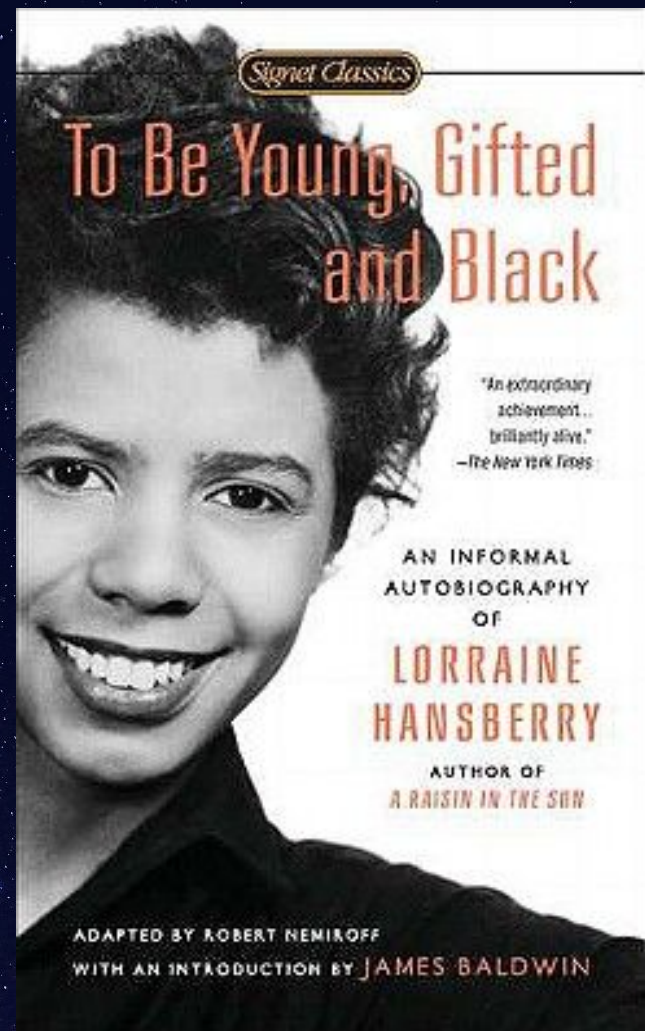


**I am a tall redwood tree.
I am a small bumble bee.
I am the morning sun...laughing!
I am the flowing seas.
I am the cool breeze.**

Check In:

Say your NAME and describe how you FEEL connected to NATURE.

Example: “My name is _____ and I feel _____ like a _____.”





**"When you're young, gifted and black,
your soul's intact."**

MEET 52 MORE BLACK ICONS
FROM PAST AND PRESENT

YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK, TOO



AMANDA GORMAN

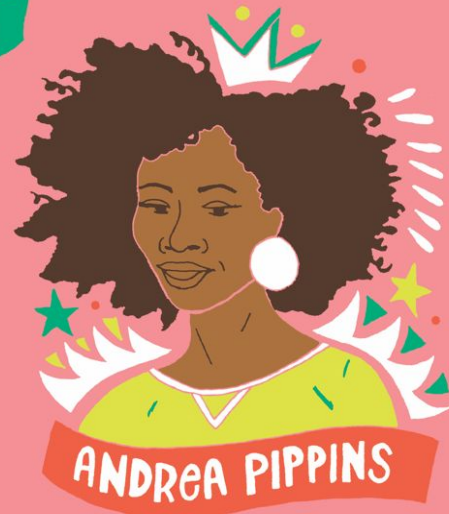


BOB MARLEY

words by JAMIA WILSON
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About the Book...

Meet 52 Heroes from the Past & Present.

A collection of short biographies
and stories about Black
changemakers to encourage,
inspire, and empower the next
generation of changemakers.



OCTAVIA BUTLER (1947-2006)

Award-winning author Octavia Butler was a visionary writer of the science-fiction genre. Her books explored race, gender, women's rights and climate change.

Octavia was born in Pasadena, California. A very shy girl, she lived with dyslexia, a learning difference that affects how our brains process language. Despite this, she found solace in reading and writing, and in the sci-fi genre most of all.

Octavia is best known for her books *Kindred*, *Fledgling*, *Patternmaster* and *Parable of the Sower*. In addition to many awards given for her masterful writing, Octavia was also the first science-fiction writer to be awarded a MacArthur Genius Grant. Her fanbase continues to grow after her death, with new readers discovering her words.



“
I began writing
about power
because I had
so little.
”

THOMAS SANKARA

(1949-1987)

Thomas Sankara was Burkina Faso's president for just four years, but his revolutionary politics established him as an iconic African leader.

Thomas was born in Yako, Upper Volta, a French colony at the time. He pursued a career in the military and soon rose up the ranks. His interest in progressive politics and his frustration with the poverty and corruption he saw led him to pursue a position of power, where he could bring about change.

After a coup, Thomas became president at age 33. He renamed the country Burkina Faso – ‘the land of upright people’ – and quickly set about making positive changes for women's rights, healthcare, literacy, the environment and much more. His time in power was cut short when he was assassinated, but his visionary work lives on.

BURKINA
FASO

“
While
revolutionaries as
individuals can
be murdered, you
cannot kill ideas.
”

IMAN (1955-PRESENT)

World-famous supermodel, actor, entrepreneur and philanthropist Iman is known for breaking barriers in fashion and business.

The daughter of a Somali diplomat, Iman Abdulmajid was born into a middle-class Muslim family in present-day Somalia. After her family were forced to leave their homeland as refugees, Iman studied political science at university in Nairobi, Kenya. There, she was spotted by American photographer Peter Beard, who noticed her incredible beauty and spirit. With Beard's help, Iman moved to the United States and quickly became one of the world's most influential and sought-after fashion models. She was featured in magazines and became the muse of many designers, inspiring future diverse models. She branched out into TV and film, started her own cosmetics line and married rock star David Bowie. Today, she is also known for her charity work and for championing important causes, including education.



“
The day you settle
for less is the day
you will get less.
”

LAVERNE COX

(1972–PRESENT)

Famous for her award-winning acting and activism, trailblazing Laverne Cox was the first openly transgender woman of colour to lead a TV series.

Laverne was born in Mobile, Alabama and raised with her identical twin by her mother and her grandmother. Growing up, Laverne knew she was a girl. She was bullied because of her gender identity, but despite pressures from some of her peers to conform to their ideas about who she should be, Laverne stayed true to herself.

She studied creative writing and classical ballet in college, before moving to New York City and focusing on acting. Laverne spent years working on her craft, acting in shows and on TV. In 2012, she was cast in her breakout role as a transgender prison inmate in the hit Netflix drama *Orange Is the New Black*. The role would launch Laverne into stardom.

Laverne proudly advocates for LGBTQ+ rights and has established a track record for breaking barriers and opening doors in the entertainment industry for future transgender stars.

“
We are not what
other people say we
are. We are who we
know ourselves to be,
and we are what we
love. That's okay.”

PHOEBE ROBINSON

(1984–PRESENT)

Multitalented comedian, podcaster, producer, actor and best-selling author Phoebe Robinson is known for her relatable humour and powerful storytelling that amplifies and celebrates diverse voices.

Phoebe grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. She attended a private Catholic high school where she was the only Black girl in her graduating class. She dreamed of writing films and, after high school, she moved to New York City, majoring in screenwriting at Pratt Institute. Following college, Phoebe wrote for TV shows, blogged and podcasted. She started to perform stand-up comedy, talking to audiences about things she cared about and found funny. Phoebe then met fellow Black comic and actor Jessica Williams and, in 2016, they developed *2 Dope Queens*, a popular podcast (later turned into a TV series) that centred around their friendship and gave a platform to other comedians of colour.

Phoebe's meteoric rise didn't end there. She has created more solo podcasts, starred in films, written books, launched her own production company and continues to make people laugh with her comedy.

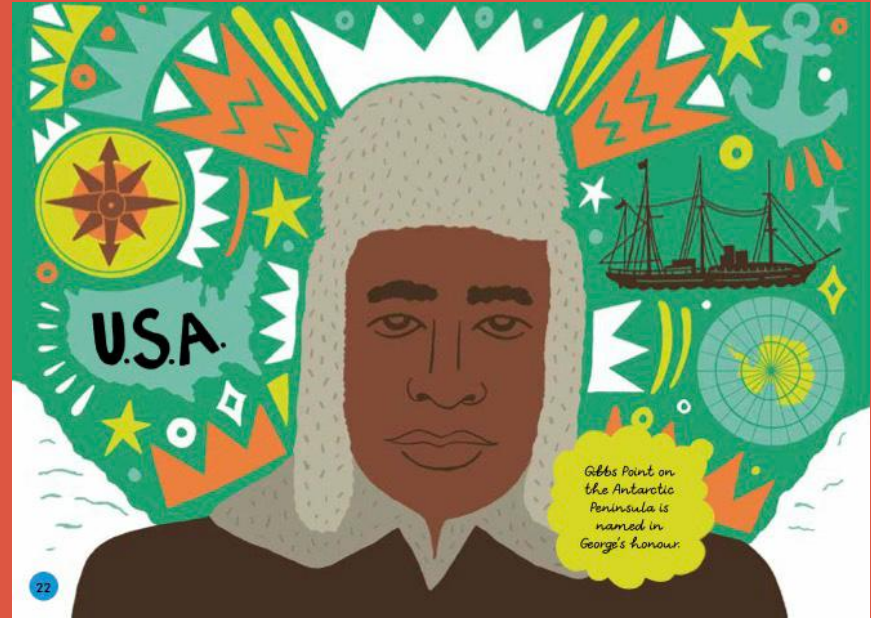
LOL!

“
You have the
power to dictate
your own life.”

Story of George Washington Gibbs Jr.,

*Defied Danger and Racism to Become the
First African-American to
Visit Antarctica.*

*“He had bigger visions and would
not be contained in a box,”
his daughter says.*



GEORGE WASHINGTON GIBBS JR.

(1916-2000)

Naval Officer George Washington Gibbs Jr. was a pioneer. He became the first African American sailor to reach Antarctica, receiving the silver US Antarctic Expedition Medal.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, George enlisted in the US Navy at just 19. Four years later he was selected to join an expedition to Antarctica. Due to racist policies in the US Navy at the time, the only position he could hold was 'mess attendant'. His duties included cooking and cleaning.

George was frustrated by his lack of options and the racism he faced, but the opportunity to set foot on the frozen lands of Antarctica was one he had to take. Throughout the expedition, George rose to every challenge and was praised for his energy and loyalty. After the expedition, George fought in World War II, surviving the torpedoing of his ship and helping others stay alive too. He left the US Navy in 1959 and went on to earn a university degree and have a successful career in business. He became a civil rights organiser and never stopped challenging unfairness and racial discrimination.

Reflection

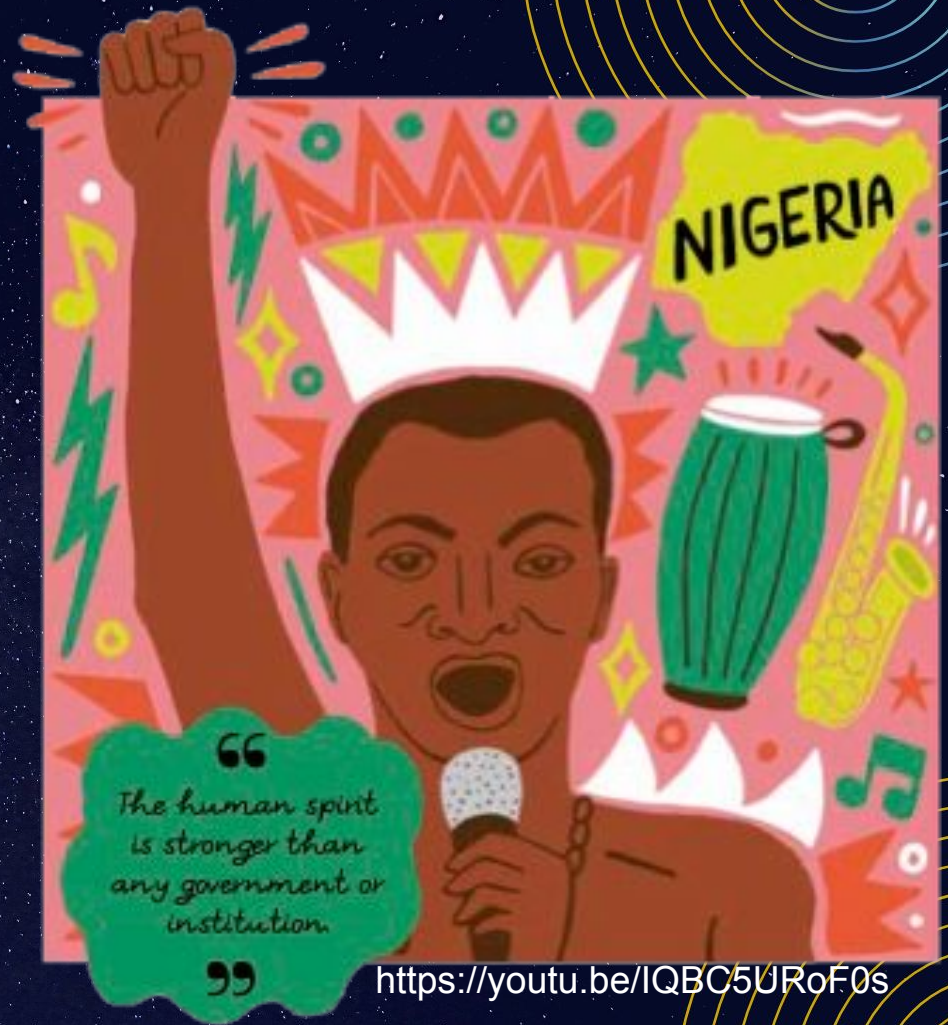
**George Washington Gibbs Jr.
daughter said**

***“He had bigger visions and would not
be contained in a box.”***

**What are your
“Out-of-the-box” visions and
dreams?**

Dance Break!

Fela Kuti
***“Water No Get
Enemy”***



“
The human spirit
is stronger than
any government or
institution
”

MARI COPENY

(2007-PRESENT)

Activist and philanthropist Mari Copeny captured her country's attention at just eight years old when she saw a problem in her community and used her voice to speak up.

*Story of
Little Miss Flint*



Born in Flint, Michigan, it would be Mari's hometown that first put her on the map. In 2014, Flint's local government changed the city's water source but failed to ensure the new water supply was safe. Residents noticed the drinking water seemed different. Testing showed high levels of lead in the water. Thousands of Flint residents were being exposed to dangerous drinking water.

Young Mari felt she had to act. In 2015 she sent President Barack Obama a letter about the crisis, introducing herself as 'Little Miss Flint'. Her words inspired him and raised awareness around the country. Obama travelled to Flint to see the problem and authorised \$100 million in funding to help.

Since then, Mari has continued to call for change for her community and others. She has spoken at marches, raised funds for schoolchildren and partnered with a company to produce a water filter so that people like the Flint residents can drink safely.






Reflection



**What is a challenge in
your community?**

**What are possible
solutions you
are imagining?**





**Art & Breath
Exercise:
Grab a paper &
writing materials!**

**Leave us your
feedback &
enter Raffle!**



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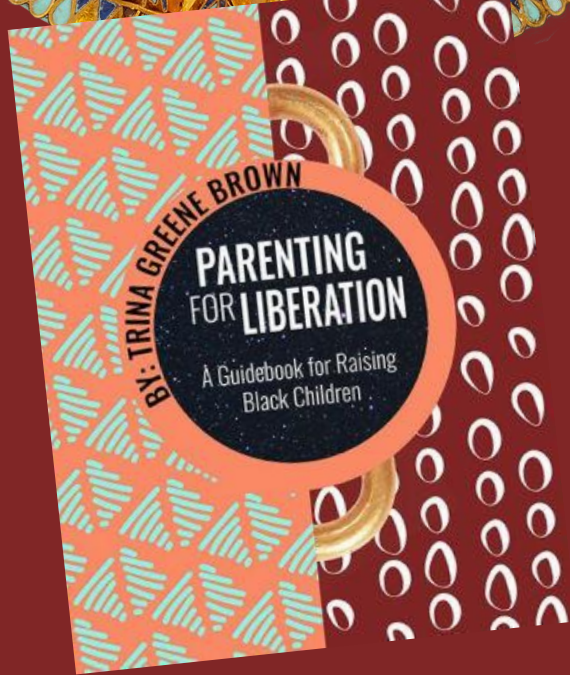
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