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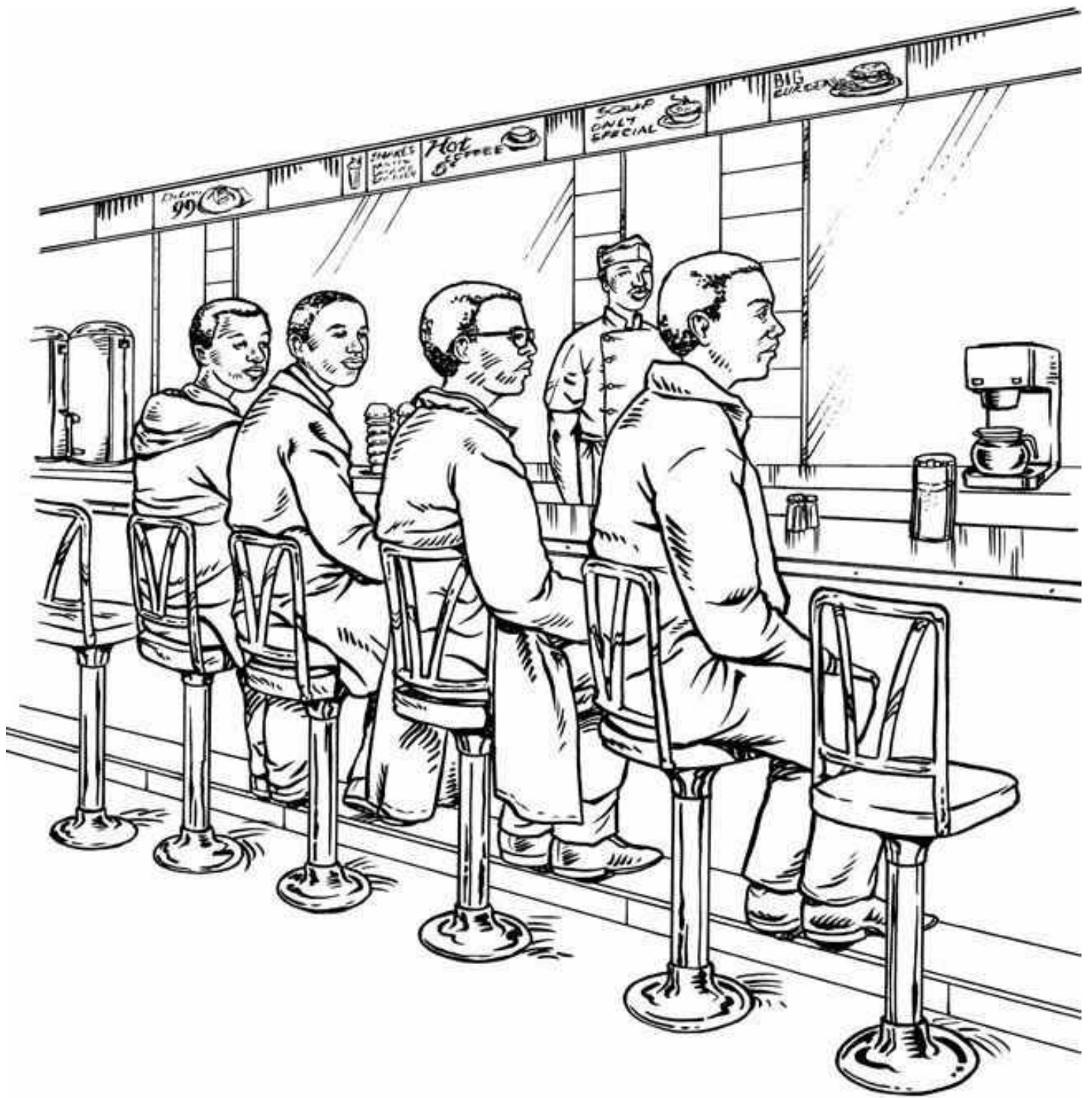
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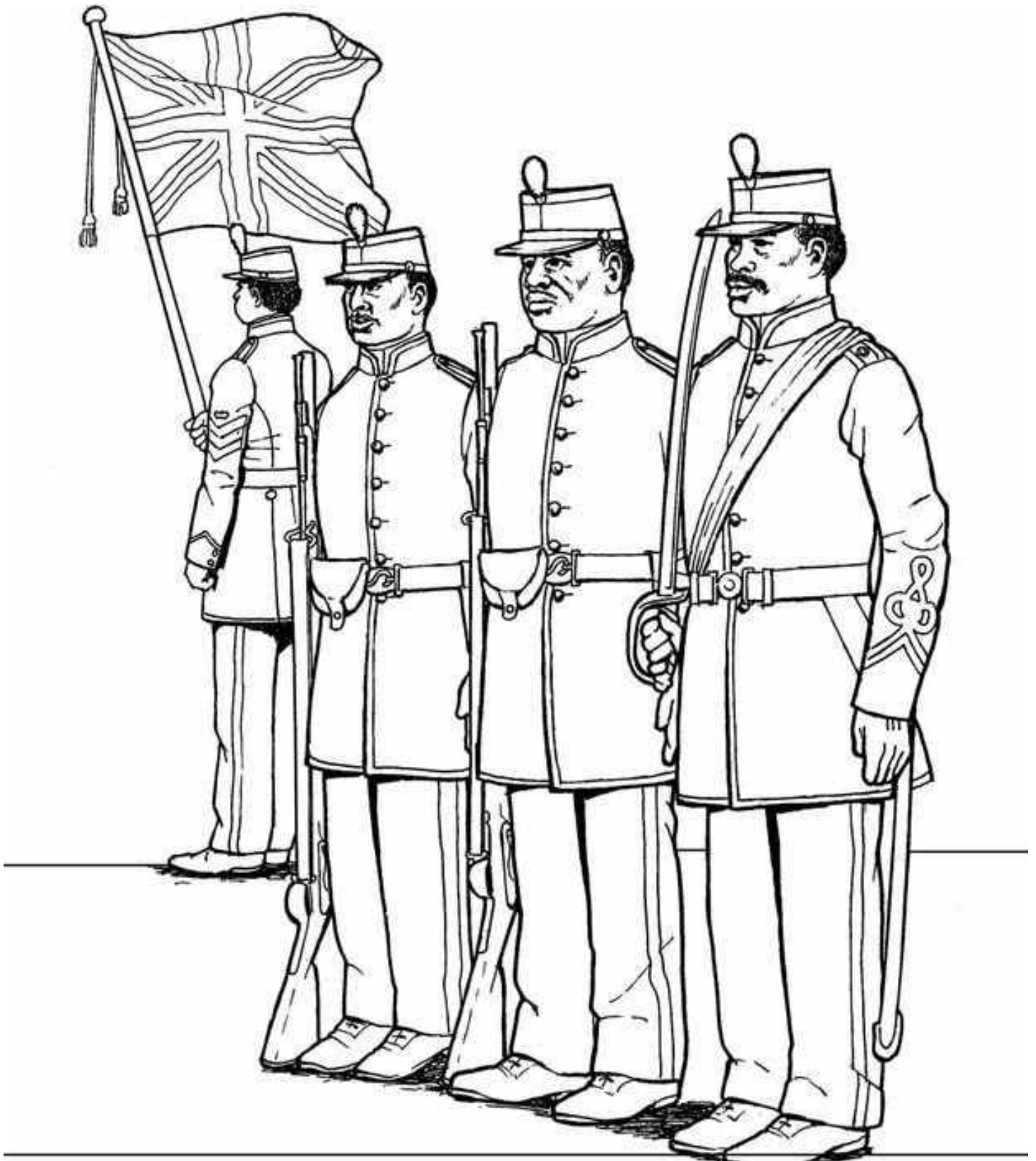
FREDERICK DOUGLASS (1817[?]-1895)

Douglass, the son of a slave, saw education as the way to promote the movement to end slavery in the U.S. He became a well-known speaker

against slavery, founded a newspaper, helped run the Underground Railroad, and was the U.S. minister to Haiti when in his seventies.



Four black students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College were refused service at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in February 1960. They began a sit-in—a protest during which those involved in the sit-in refuse to move. Student sit-ins were increasingly effective ways of integrating parks, swimming pools, theaters, libraries, and other public places in the South.



Black soldiers under the Union Jack in 1860. Black soldiers formed the African Rifles, part of the first military unit raised in British Columbia, the Victoria Pioneer Rifle Corps. The African Rifles were not paid; they built

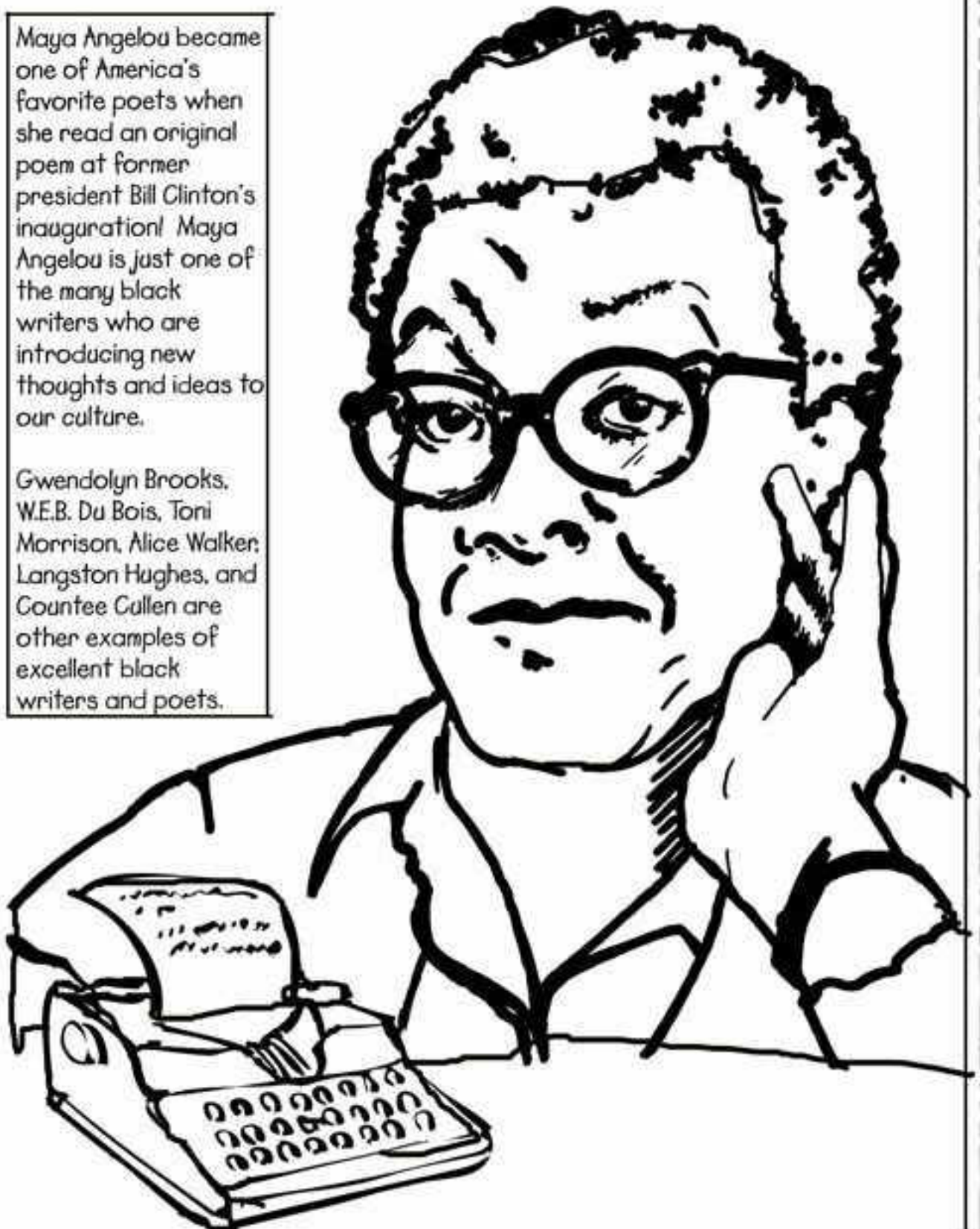
their own military drill hall and ordered their own uniforms. Their unit was created to help defend Canada against the U.S.



Black Writers

Maya Angelou became one of America's favorite poets when she read an original poem at former president Bill Clinton's inauguration! Maya Angelou is just one of the many black writers who are introducing new thoughts and ideas to our culture.

Gwendolyn Brooks, W.E.B. Du Bois, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Langston Hughes, and Countee Cullen are other examples of excellent black writers and poets.





ALEX HALEY





Barack H. Obama

Term of Office: 2009 – Present

Barack Hussein Obama II was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu Hawaii. He is the 44th president of the United States, and first African American to hold the office. Before becoming president, he was both a State Senator and a U.S. Senator for the state of Illinois.

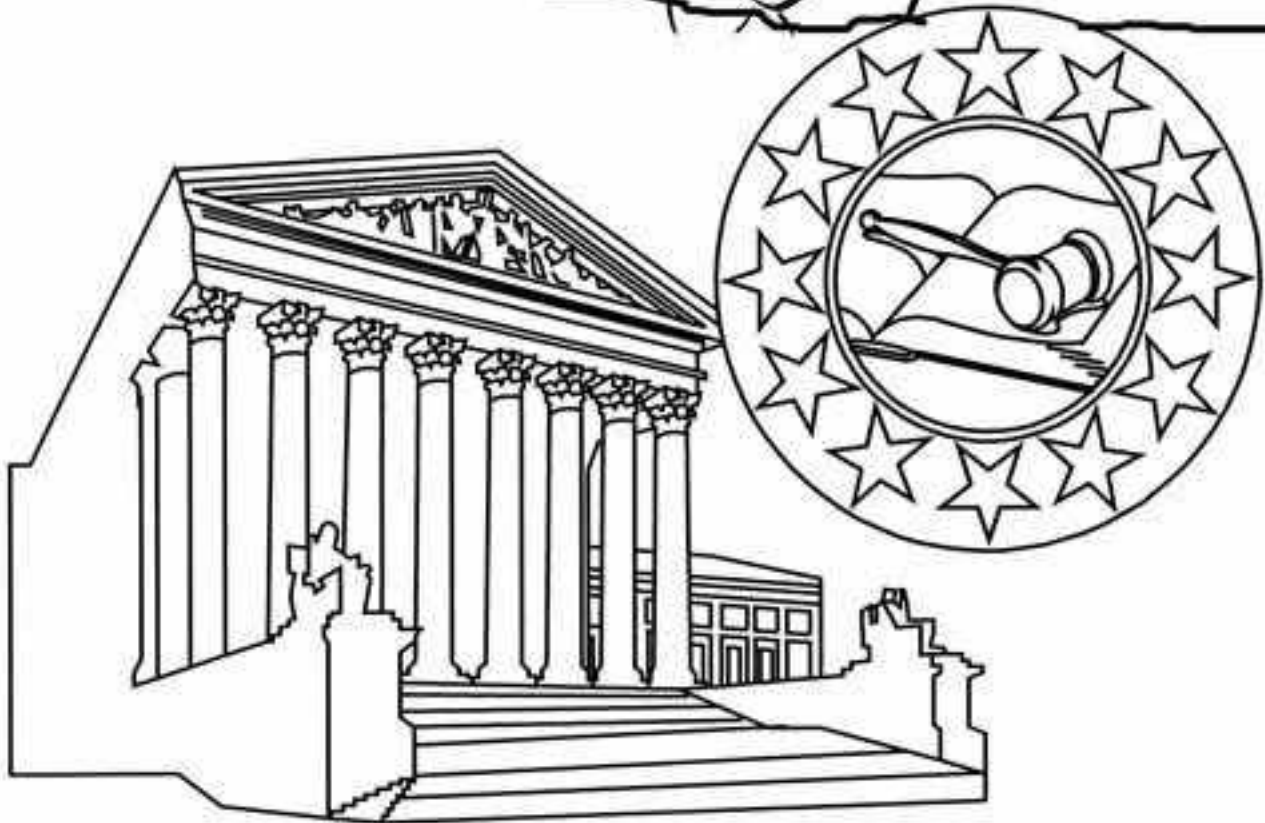


Police used tear gas, whips, and clubs to stop them, and this event became known as Bloody Sunday. The Voting Rights Act was passed in response to the march.

Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall was appointed to serve as the first black Supreme Court Justice. He was also a very smart civil rights lawyer.

Thurgood Marshall won many cases that changed the lives of blacks, women, and the poor. America enjoys racial justice today in part because of Thurgood Marshall!





LOUIS "SATCHMO" ARMSTRONG (1900–1971). Musician. Having learned to read music and play the cornet at the Negro Waifs Home in New Orleans, he was taught to play the trumpet by King Oliver, a leading figure in Dixieland jazz. Armstrong first performed in New Orleans, followed Oliver to Chicago in 1922 and took a job in New York two years later. In 1925,

playing and singing in his unique, gravelly voice, he began his "five golden years," which jazz aficionados value as being his finest work. Armstrong subsequently became more famous as a personality and goodwill ambassador for the United States and also enjoyed a career in film.



Henry "Box" Brown. Henry Brown, a Virginia slave, decided that because he was considered a "white man's property" he would, in his escape attempt, travel as a piece of property. He persuaded a carpenter to build him a box lined with fabric, just long enough for Brown to sit in. Then, with a small supply of biscuits, water, and a small hand drill, he got into the box and had himself

sealed and shipped to Philadelphia. It was a long, uncomfortable trip, but the crate was eventually delivered to the Anti Slave Society 26 hours later. When the lid was pried off the box, Henry Brown stiffly rose to his feet, saying, "How do you do, gentlemen?" From that day on he was known as Henry "Box" Brown, a hero to the anti-slavery cause.



Imprisonment has become the response of first resort to far too many of our social problems.

ANGELA DAVIS

Radical Activist, Philosopher, Writer, Teacher





Jack Roosevelt Robinson

On January 31, 1919, Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia. He was an athlete and the first black to enter professional major league baseball, playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947 to 1956. He was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949 and elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Robinson died in Stamford, Connecticut on October 24, 1972.



Charles Drew (1904-1950) Physician, surgeon, educator and researcher. Drew pioneered further research in the field of blood preservation and organized procedures that helped to found blood banks. Drew was asked by the British Government to set up the first blood bank in England. He attended Columbia University and was professor of surgery at Howard University.





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