

Civil Rights Activists Shown In “Soon and Very Soon” video

By John Harris of the UCC Anti-Racism Team, with Laurie Coltri

Claudette Colvin



Then

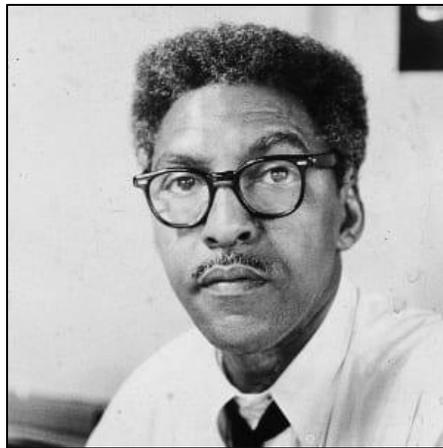


Now

When Claudette Colvin was 15, she refused to move to the back of the bus and give up her seat to a white person - nine months before Rosa Parks did the very same thing.

Website: <https://www.npr.org/2009/03/15/101719889/before-rosa-parks-there-was-claudette-colvin>

Bayard Rustin



In the 1930s Rustin was involved in pacifist groups and early civil rights protests. In the 60's, Combining non-violent resistance with organizational skills, he was a key adviser to Martin Luther King Jr.

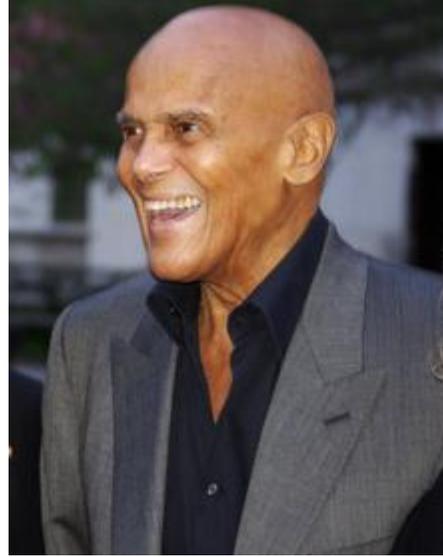
Website: <https://www.biography.com/activist/bayard-rustin>

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Harry Belafonte



1954



2011

Belafonte is well known for his music, but it is less-known how important he was to the Civil Rights moment.

See “Involvement in Civil Rights Movement”: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Belafonte

Opal Tometi

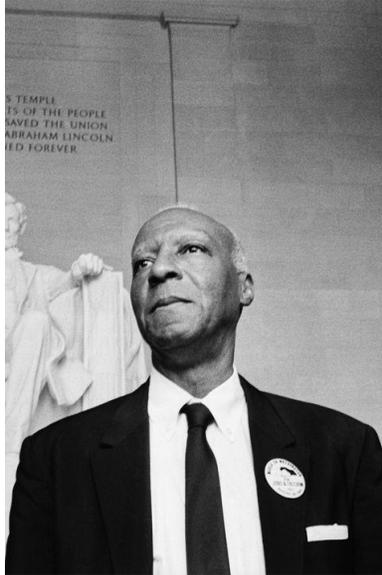


Opal Tometi, co-founder of **Black Lives Matter**: 'I do this because we deserve to live'. Tometi is co-founders of BLM with Patrisse Cullors and Alicia Garza.

Website: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/sep/24/opal-tometi-co-founder-of-black-lives-matter-i-do-this-because-we-deserve-to-live>

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A. Philip Randolph



A. Philip Randolph created the first successful Black trade union (the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters) in 1925, and led them to (reluctant) acceptance into the American Federation of Labor.

Website: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/a-philip-randolph>

Ella Baker



1941



1964

Baker was an African-American civil rights and human rights activist. She was a largely behind-the-scenes organizer whose career spanned more than five decades with the NAACP and SNCC.

Website: <https://snccdigital.org/people/ella-baker/>

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Photomontage shown in the video, with links to some brief biographical info:



1. Ralph Abernathy
<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/abernathy-ralph-david>
2. Stacey Abrams
<https://fairfight.com/about-stacey-abrams/>
3. Michelle Alexander
<https://aaregistry.org/story/michelle-alexander-born/>
4. Maya Angelou
<https://www.mayaangelou.com/>
5. James Baldwin
<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/james-baldwin-about-the-author/59/>
6. Julian Bond
<https://snccdigital.org/people/julian-bond/>
7. W.E.B. DuBois <https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/civil-rights-leaders/web-du-bois>

8. James Farmer
<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/farmer-james>
9. Fannie Lou Hamer
<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/fannie-lou-hamer>
10. Barbara Jordan
<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/barbara-jordan>
11. Engbe Pieh (Joseph Cinqué)
<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/amistad>
12. Lucille Times
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/22/obituaries/lucille-times-dead.html>
13. Harriet Tubman <http://www.harriet-tubman.org/>
14. Ida B. Wells
<https://www.womenshistory.org/educa>

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15. Malcolm X
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/malcolm-x-timeline-malcolm-x-life/>
 16. Charles Hamilton Houston
<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/houston-charles-hamilton-1895-1950/>
 17. Mary McLeod Bethune
<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-mcleod-bethune>
 18. John Lewis
<https://achievement.org/achiever/congressman-john-r-lewis/>
 19. Frederick Douglass
<http://www.frederick-douglass-heritage.org/category/biography-frederick-douglass/>
 20. Sojourner Truth
<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/sojourner-truth>
 21. Rev. William Barber
<https://www.breachrepairers.org/williambarber>

A few questions to ponder:

- How many of the people in the video do you recognize by name or from their images?
- How many of them did you know about before reading this information sheet?
- Who would YOU add to the video and this information sheet?

Other content of interest in the video:



**Civil Rights Memorial, Southern Poverty Law Center,
Montgomery, Alabama**

<https://www.splcenter.org/civil-rights-memorial>

THE COMPOSER: Andraé Crouch (1942-2015) was the long-time pastor of the New Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ, in San Fernando, California. And he was a Grammy-award-winning gospel singer, songwriter/composer, arranger, and record producer. You can read about his life at the memorial website: <http://andraecrouch.com/> and in his LA Times obituary, <https://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/la-me-andrae-crouch-20150109-story.html>.

