

# Famous African-American Women

Marian Anderson (1897–1993) was the first African-American to sing with the New York Metropolitan Opera. But in 1939 she was not allowed to perform at Constitution Hall. So instead she gave her most famous concert outdoors. She sang at the Lincoln Memorial.

Rosa Parks (1913–2006) is the mother of America's civil rights movement. She did not give her bus seat to a white man in 1955. As a result, she was arrested. So, blacks in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, started a boycott. They would not ride the buses. After a year, they won. The city's buses were **desegregated**.



Shirley Chisholm (1924–2005) was the first African-American woman elected to Congress. This happened in 1968. Four years later she also was the first black person (and first woman) to run for president of the United States.

Condoleezza Rice was born in 1954. She is the first African-American woman to be national security advisor. In 2005 she became the first black woman to be U.S. secretary of state. This shows how far black women have come since the racism shown to Anderson.

**Directions: Choose the correct answer.**

1. Why wasn't Marian Anderson allowed to sing at Constitutional Hall?
  - (a) because of her age
  - (b) because she wasn't a U.S. citizen
  - (c) because she was an awful singer
  - (d) because she was black
2. The word **desegregated** means
  - (a) separated by race or religion.
  - (b) boycotted.
  - (c) not separated by race or religion.
  - (d) improved.
3. Which woman did fellow citizens elect to a political office?
  - (a) Shirley Chisholm
  - (b) Condoleezza Rice
  - (c) Rosa Parks
  - (d) Marian Anderson

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