I was once a slave and I later started a secret, Blacks only Sunday school and taught children to read and write.

I refused to give up my seat on a bus to a white person, and helped shine the national spotlight on segregation.

I was a civil rights lawyer who won 29 of the 30 cases I presented before the US Supreme Court, and I went on to become the first African American US Supreme Court Justice.

I was the first African American to play major league baseball, with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

We were the first African Americans to win the Academy Award (Oscar) for Best Actor and Best Actress.

Who are we?

I graduated from Harvard, was the first African American to earn a doctorate, and I co-founded the National Association for the **Advancement of Colored People** (NAACP).

I broke three world records in track and field in 45 minutes in 1935.

I was the first African American Secretary of State.

I was the first African American to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, in 1993.

I was a famous Civil Rights
leader who wrote

Letter from a Birmingham Jail
and gave the 1963 speech,
"I Have a Dream."

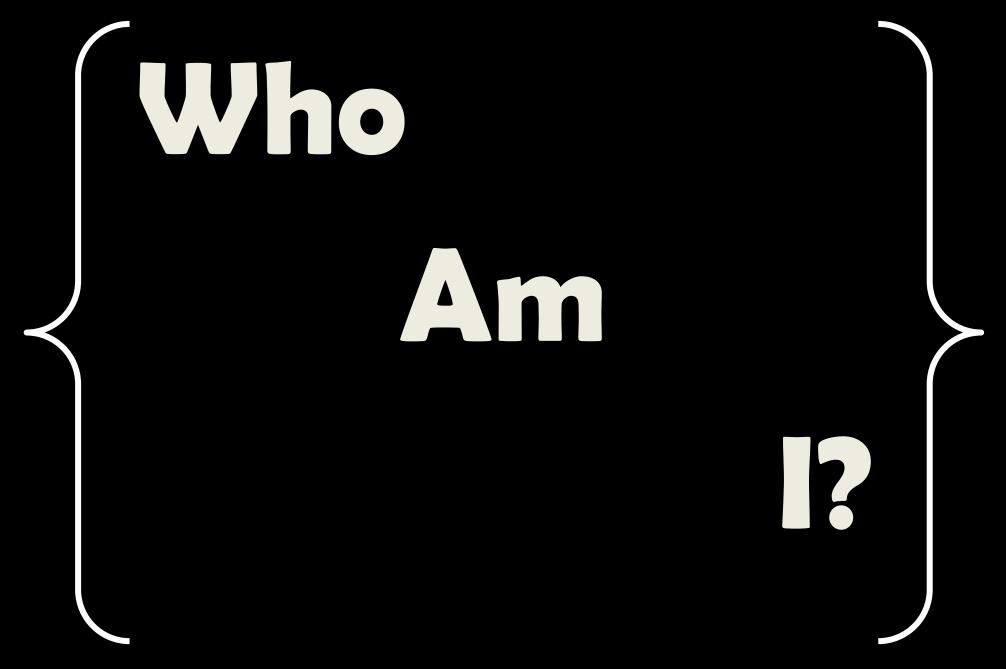
I was the first African American congresswoman and the first major-party black candidate to make a bid for the U.S. presidency.

I flew on the *Endeavour* in 1992, becoming the first African American woman in space.

I was known as
"The First Lady of Song"
and was one of the top female
jazz singers for over 50 years.

I was well-known for my Memoir, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, and my poems, one of which I recited at the 1993 inauguration of **President Bill Clinton.**

I was the first African American woman to hold a Cabinet position, to serve as an ambassador, and to head a law school.



A Black History Month interactive quiz