

**HISTORIC  
FIGURES**



**ALEXANDER  
MILES**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented electric  
elevator doors that  
automatically open  
and close**

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FIGURES**



**BISHOP CURRY V**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**10 year old who  
invented a device to  
help prevent infant  
deaths in hot cars**

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**DASIA TAYLOR**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Teen who invented  
color changing stitches  
to detect infection**

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**DR. ALEXA  
CANADY**  
TRAILBLAZER

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**First female African  
American neurosurgeon  
in the United States**

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**DR. CHARLES  
DREW**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented a way to  
process and preserve  
blood plasma**

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FIGURES**



**DR. GEORGE  
E. ALCORN JR.**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the X-ray  
imaging  
spectrometer**

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**DR. GLADYS  
MAE WEST**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Mathematician whose  
model accurately  
represented the Earth  
making GPS possible**

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**DR. JOSEPH N.  
JACKSON**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Inventor of the  
Programmable  
Television Receiver  
Controller and V-Chip**

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**DR. MAE JEMISON**  
TRAILBLAZER

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**First African American woman who orbited into space on the Endeavour shuttle**

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**DR. MARIAN  
CROAK**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Developed Voice-Over-Internet Protocol (VoIP)**

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**FRANK CALVIN  
MANN**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Contributed to the design of the Space Shuttle, Boeing 747, and the Spruce Goose [Hughes H-4 Hercules]**

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FIGURES**



**FREDERICK  
MCKINLEY JONES**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented portable air conditioning and the refrigerated truck system**

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**GARRETT  
MORGAN**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the  
traffic signal  
and gas mask**

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**GEORGE T.  
SAMPSON**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the  
clothes dryer**

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**GRANVILLE T.  
WOODS**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented a safety system  
to alert the conductor  
and the overhead  
electric railway**

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FIGURES**



**KATHERINE  
JOHNSON**  
TRAILBLAZER

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Mathematician who  
calculated the flight  
path for NASA's first  
space mission and the  
first moon landing**

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**LEWIS LATIMER**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented an electric lamp and the carbon filament for the light bulb**

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**LISA  
GELOBTER**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the Graphics Interchange Format (GIF), which is an animated image**

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**LONNIE JOHNSON**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the Super Soaker and Nerf water guns**

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**MANSA MUSA**  
TRAILBLAZER

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**The richest human being in history with net worth over \$400 billion**

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FIGURES



**MARIE VAN  
BRITTAN BROWN**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the first home  
security system and  
closed-circuit  
television system**

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FIGURES



**PAUL E.  
WILLIAMS**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Patented the “first  
useful helicopter”  
named the Lockheed  
Model 186 (XH-51)**

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FIGURES



**PHILLIP B.  
DOWNING**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented the  
mailbox**

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**MUHAMMAD IBN  
MUSA AL-KHWARIZMI**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**The father of  
algebra**

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FIGURES



**VALERIE THOMAS**  
INVENTOR

**MOST KNOWN FOR**

**Invented and patented  
3-D imaging display  
(illusion transmitter),  
which was adopted  
by NASA**