


Canadian Black History

Black Canadian Activists & Heroes Posters




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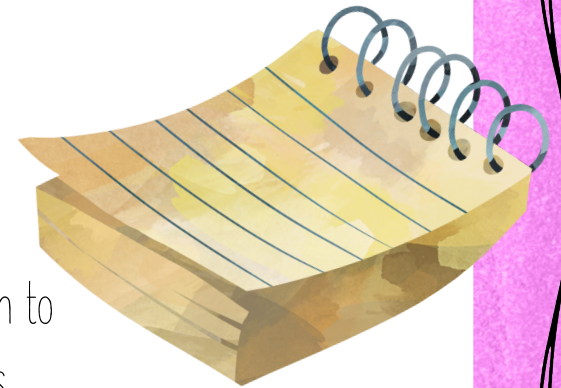
Suggestions for Use

1. Read the Room Activity

Place these posters around your classroom or school and have your students fill out their Canadian Black History Booklet with all the important information.

2. Jigsaw Activity

Create groups of 6 students. Have each of the students in a group responsible for reading about one particular activist. Then, they return to their group to share/present the information to their group members.



3. Create a Poster Activity

Using the Poster templates, students can choose 1 blank activist/hero template to research further. They can then colourize their posters, cut them out, and display around the classroom, bulletin board, or hallway.

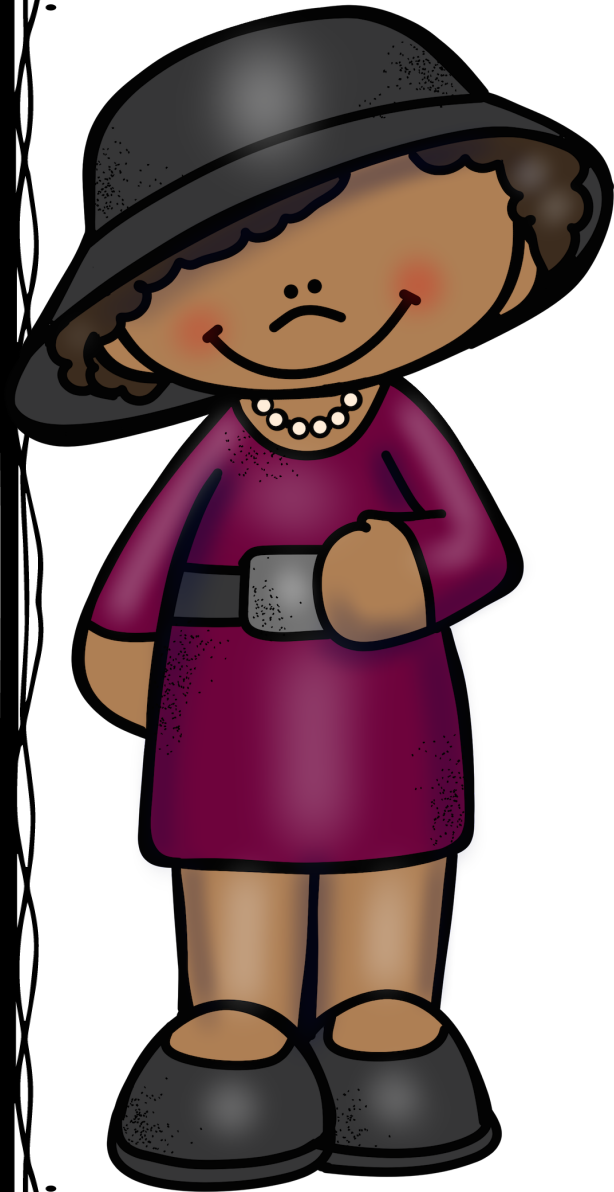


Jean Augustine

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Early in her life, Jean Augustine earned a Masters degree in Education, and went on to become a principal for many years.

Later in her life, she broke barriers by being the first black woman to be elected to parliament. She served in parliament with distinction for many years and won four more terms before deciding to move on to other community projects.



Viola Desmond

Born: July 6, 1914

Viola Desmond was a prominent Canadian businesswoman. She travelled to the United States to train and study under the first female millionaire Madam C.J. Walker, who was also a black female beautician.

Viola was a mentor to many young black women through her School of Beauty Culture. She was arrested and imprisoned for sitting on the bottom floor of a movie theater in Nova Scotia, which was a section reserved for white people at that time.



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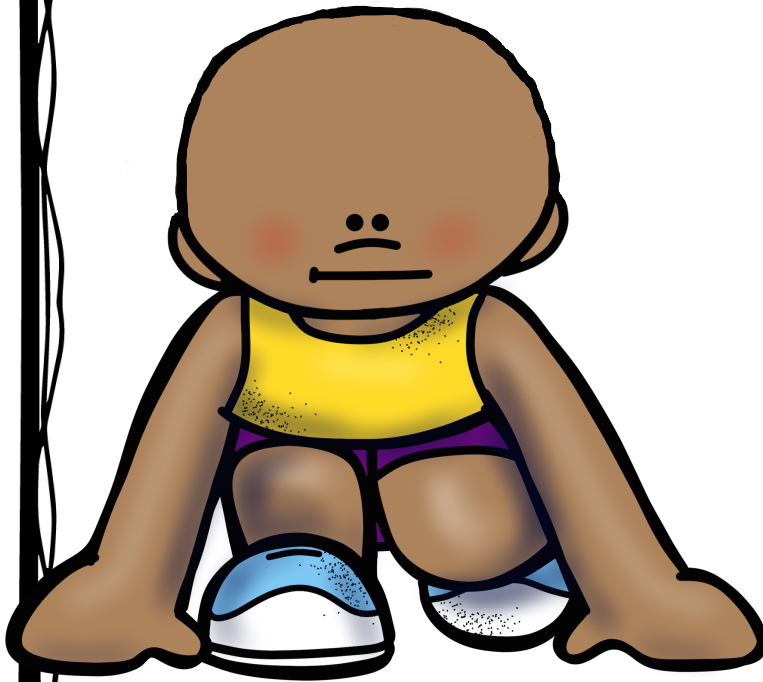
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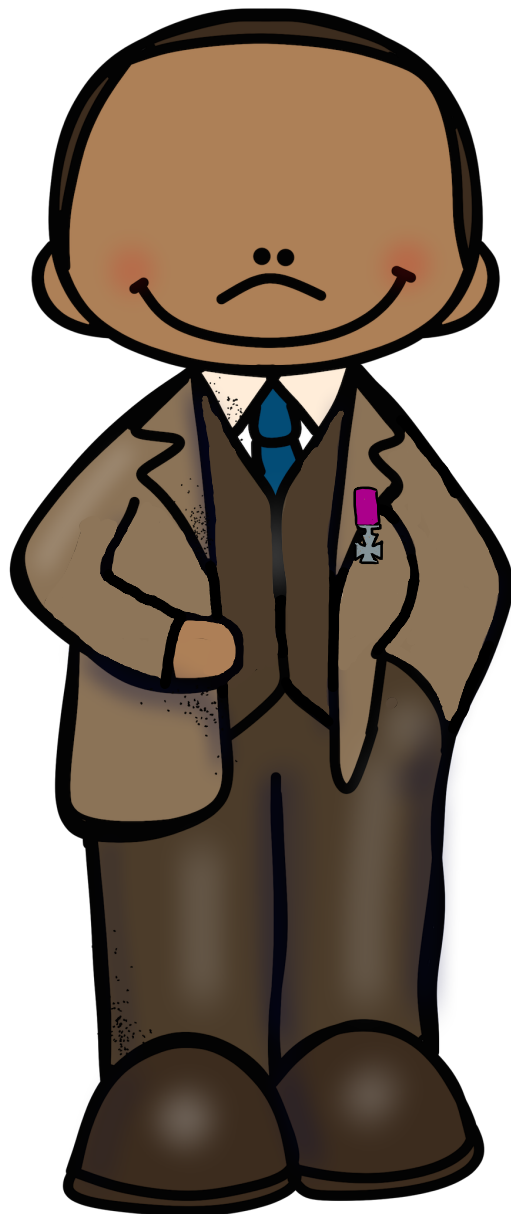
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Donovan Bailey was the first Canadian to break the 100m world record sprint at the Olympics. In total, he won two Olympic gold medals, 3 world championship gold medals, and numerous other awards. In 1995 he also won the title 'The Fastest Man on Earth'.

He was included in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and Canada's Walk of Fame.

He was originally born in Jamaica, moved to Canada, and proudly raced for Canada.



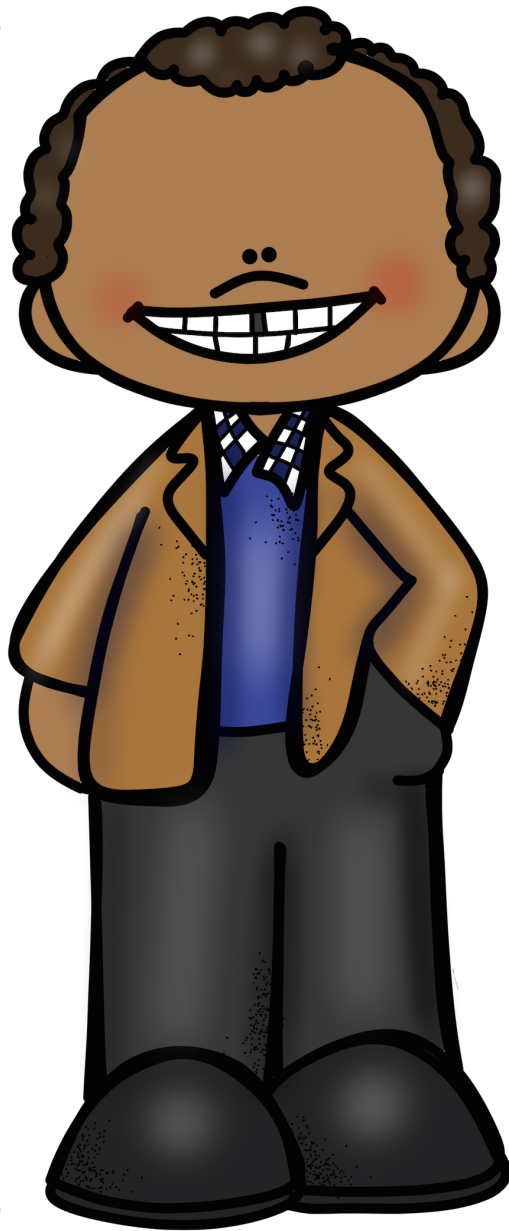


William Hall

Born: April 28, 1827

William Hall was the very first black person, let alone Canadian, to receive the Victoria Cross. The Victoria Cross is the highest, most prestigious award for bravery and valour in the British armed forces.

He was the son of two former slaves who escaped to Canada from the United States. He enlisted in the Royal Navy where he served for 29 years.



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In his life he was a lawyer and a member of the Royal Canadian Armed Forces. Mr. Alexander spent much of his life in public service through the army, as a lawyer, and as a politician.

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