

FAMOUS AMERICANS

There are many people who have had an impact on American history. These people were often common, ordinary people who did something special. Many helped to change our country by what they did. Here are some examples:

Famous Inventors:

- Alexander Graham Bell: telephone
- Thomas Edison: lightbulb
- Eli Whitney: cotton gin

Famous “Firsts”:



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Famous People:

- Martin Luther King, Jr.: Civil Rights activist and preacher
- Rosa Parks: refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man
- Abraham Lincoln: Emancipation Proclamation
- Lewis & Clark: explorers of the U.S. west

Try This!

Draw lines to connect each famous person with what he or she did.

Thomas Edison

First African American in space

Noah Webster

American Red Cross

Clara Barton

light bulb

Lewis & Clark

explorers

Mae Jemison

the dictionary

Circle

Marie

Fred

Ame

Tim

Albe

Jess

Neil Armstrong

Beth Moon



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Decide if these people are paired up with the right famous action.

Circle True or False.

Albert Einstein ----- $E = mc^2$ **T/ F**

Alexander Graham Bell ----- washing machine **T/ F**

Florence Nightingale ----- famous chef **T/ F**

Jackie Robinson ----- famous golfer **T/ F**