

BARACK OBAMA

(1961-PRESENT)

Obama was the first Black president of the United States.



HARRIET TUBMAN

(AROUND 1822-1913)

Born into enslavement and escaped in 1849. Tubman was responsible for leading hundreds of enslaved people to freedom.



IGNATIUS SANCHO

(AROUND 1729-1780)

Born and freed from enslavement, Sancho taught himself to write and became a writer, composer and abolitionist.



JESSE OWENS

(1913-1980)

Won four gold medals in athletics at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.



JOHN BLANKE

(LATE 15TH CENTURY-EARLY 16TH CENTURY)

Trumpeter for King Henry VII and King Henry VIII.
When Blanke got married, Henry VIII gave him money and
a wedding outfit as a gift.



KATHERINE JOHNSON

(1918-2020)

In 1939, Johnson was one of three Black students in her whole university. She started working for NASA in 1953.



LANGSTON HUGHES

(1901-1967)

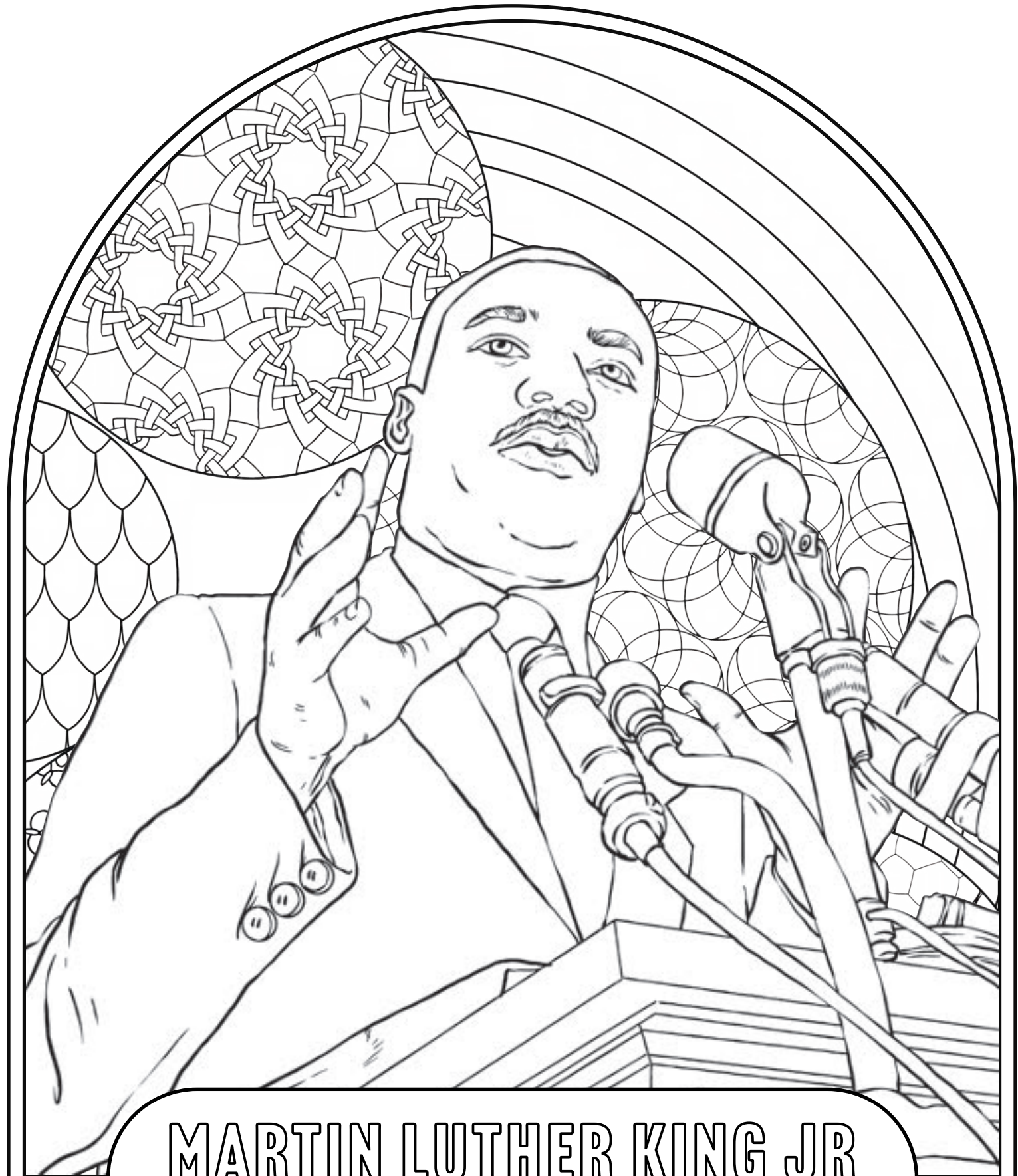
Hughes was an American poet, social activist, novelist, and playwright.



MARSHA P. JOHNSON

(1945-1992)

Johnson was an American gay liberation and trans rights activist. She was one of the prominent figures in the uprising and protests demanding rights for gay people in 1969.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

(1929-1968)

Christian minister and leader of the US Civil Rights Movement.



MARY SEACOLE

(1805-1881)

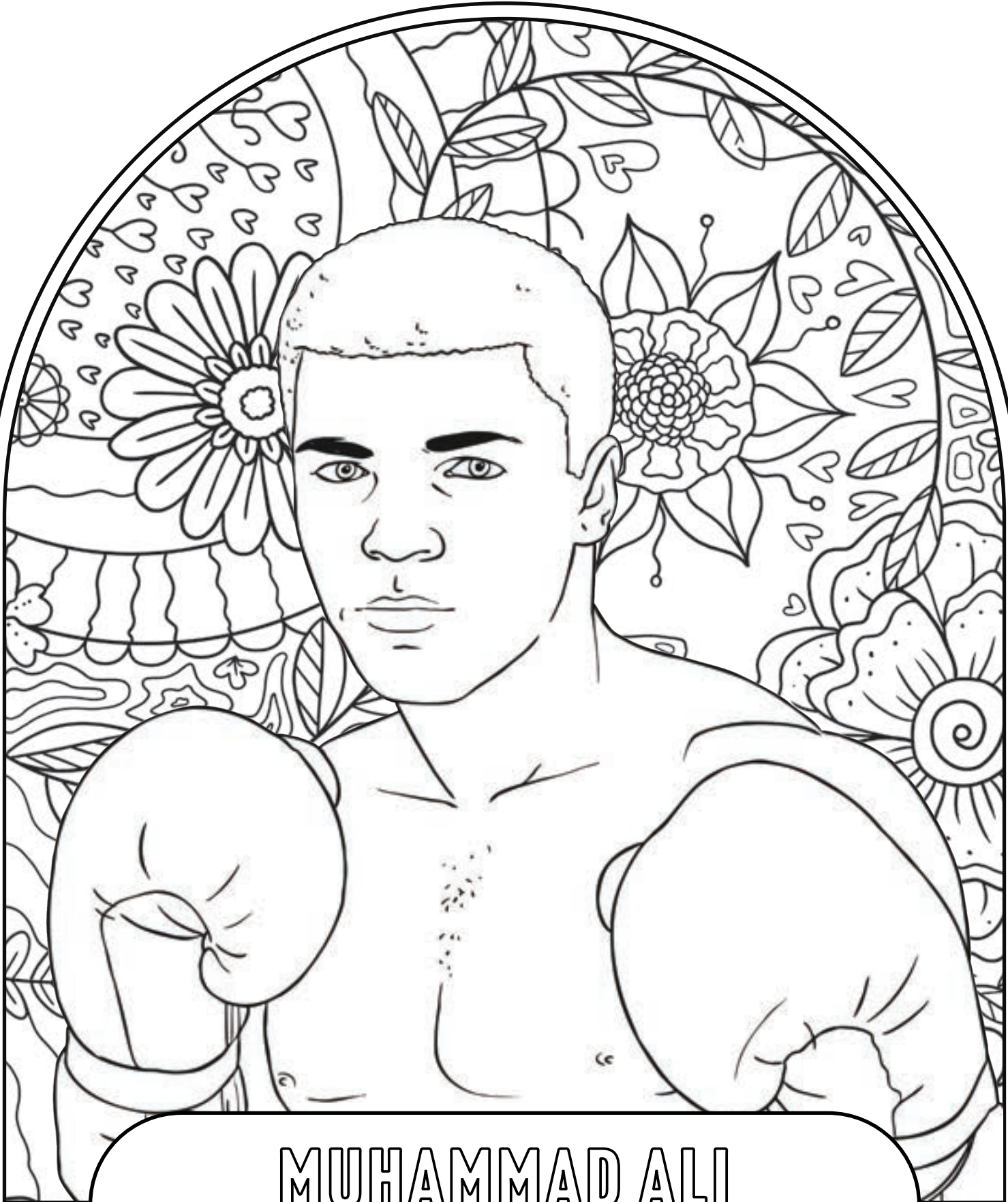
Born in Jamaica, Mary opened a hospital during the Crimean War to care for injured soldiers.



MAYA ANGELOU

(1951-2014)

An American poet, memoirist, editor, playwright and civil rights activist who worked with Martin Luther King.



MUHAMMAD ALI

(1942-2016)

An American professional boxer, activist, entertainer, poet, and philanthropist. Ali was given the name 'The Greatest'.



NELSON MANDELA

(1918-2013)

Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa after being freed from prison where he was imprisoned for 27 years for campaigning for equality for Black people.



OLAUDAH EQUIANO

(AROUND 1745-1797)

Born into enslavement, Equiano earned enough money to buy himself out. He later campaigned for the end of enslavement.



ROSA PARKS

(1913-2005)

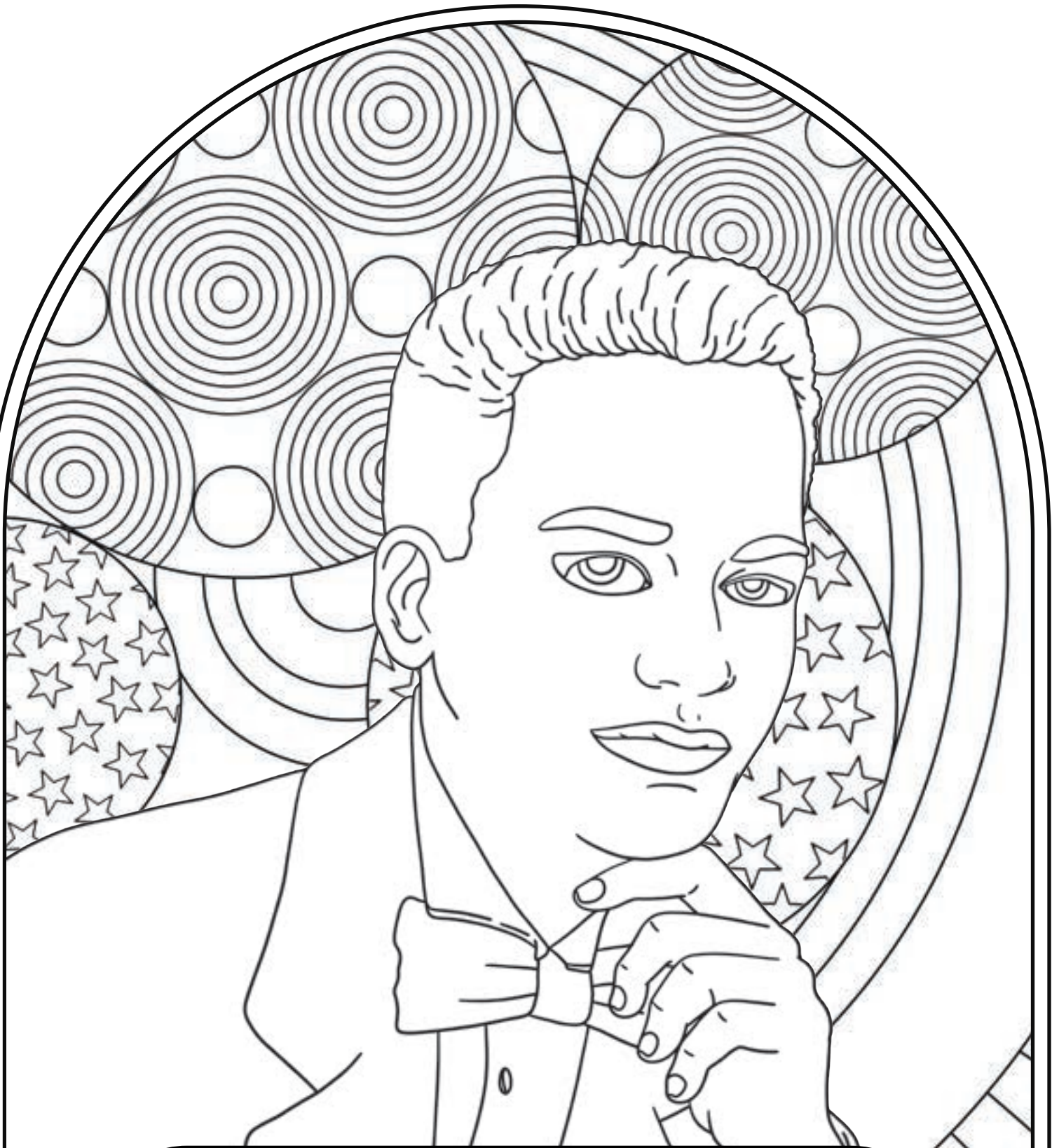
Influenced the Montgomery Bus Boycott and changed the law so that Black people could sit wherever they wanted on a bus and not have to give up their seats for White people.



RUBY BRIDGES

(1954-PRESENT)

At 6 years old became the first Black pupil to be allowed to join a school called William Frantz Elementary School where only White children were educated.



STORMÉ DELARVERIE

(1920-2014)

DeLarverie was an American gay rights activist and drag performer. Some people believe that she was the possible instigator of the Stonewall Riots.