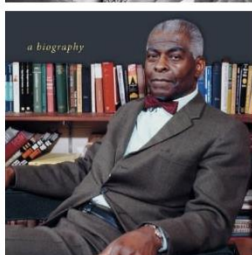
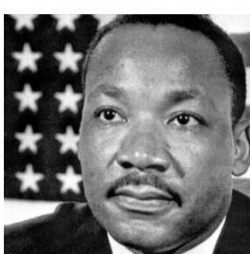
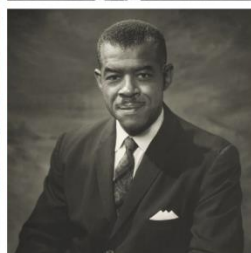
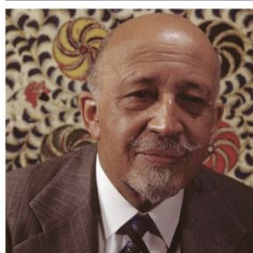
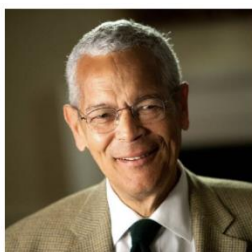
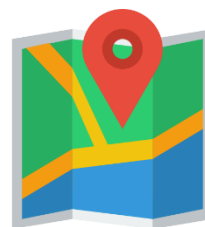


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About this Tour

In honor of the Black History Month, I created a new tour that encourages people to learn about twenty-one exemplary individuals who made a lasting impression on ATL. This interactive tour was modeled after a similar one I created last year called, [Women of Distinction: 20 Women Who Made a Lasting Impression on Atlanta](#). Both are self-guided tours that you can take online or in person. The full experience consists of four elements:

1. A simple [Matching Quiz](#) that will establish a baseline for you. Take this before and after you have experienced the tour. Share with your friends and family to see how well *they* know these leaders!
2. A [two-part podcast & newsletter](#) that provides biographical information about each leader as well as tips on how and where to connect with them. In some cases, the connecting point is a street named in their honor that you can walk, bike or drive on. In others, it's a building or statue that you can visit.
3. An [interactive map](#) that identifies the locations of the various streets and monuments that were named to commemorate their contribution to ATL.
4. A [Tour Log](#) that you can use to keep track of the places you visit.

As you make these connections you will develop a greater appreciation for the impact these exemplars had on Atlanta. You will see and feel the city differently as you drive along the streets that celebrate their lives. In so doing, you will honor their memories and the sacrifices they made to make ATL and the world a better place for all of us.

Stay curious and keep exploring!


[Steve Saenz, ATLsherpa](#)


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1	Henry Louis Aaron, 1934 – 2021	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	715 Wall + Hank Aaron Drive + Hank Aaron Statue + Civil Rights Walk of Fame		
<p>"Hammerin' Hank" was one of the greatest baseball players of all-time. He played with the Milwaukee Brewers / Atlanta Braves from 1954 – 1976. Famous for breaking Babe Ruth's homerun record when he hit #715 on April 8, 1974 at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium. Went on to hit 755 lifetime HRs, a record which stood until August 7, 2007 when Barry Bonds surpassed it.</p>			

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2	Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., 1926 – 1990	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	I-20/Ralph David Abernathy Freeway + Abernathy Road + Civil Rights Walk of Fame		
<p>Civil rights activist and Baptist minister. Close friend and mentor of Martin Luther King Jr. Collaborated with King to create the Montgomery Improvement Association which led to the Montgomery bus boycott. Co-founded and was an executive board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).</p>			


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3	Horace Julian Bond, 1940 – 2015	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Georgia State Capitol + Civil Right Walk of Fame + Bond House @ UVA		
<p>Social activist, leader of the civil rights movement, politician, professor, and writer. While a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta in the early 1960s, he helped establish the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Elected to serve four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and later he was elected to serve six terms in the Georgia State Senate, serving a total of twenty years in both legislative chambers. From 1998 to 2010, was chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).</p>			


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4	Joseph Everhart Boone, 1922 – 2006	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Joseph E. Boone Blvd + Seeds that are Planted Mural		
<p>Civil rights activist and organizer who marched together with Martin Luther King Jr. Key organizer of the Atlanta Movement, which led to the integration of lunch counters and department stores in Atlanta during the early 1960s. Worked with King, Ralph David Abernathy, John Lewis and Andrew Young. In 1960, he encouraged Lonnie C. King Jr. — along with Julian Bond and others — to launch the Atlanta Student Movement. Dr. King named Boone as the chief negotiator of 'Operation Breadbasket.'</p>			





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5	John Wesley Dobbs, 1882 – 1961	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	John Wesley Dobbs Avenue + Through His Eyes Monument + Dobbs House		
Civic and political leader often referred to as the unofficial "mayor" of Auburn Avenue. Co-founded the Atlanta Negro Voters League with civil rights attorney A.T. Walden, leading voter registration efforts that registered 20,000 African Americans in Atlanta from 1936-1946.			

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6	William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, 1868 – 1963	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	DuBois Sculpture at Clark Atlanta University		
Sociologist, socialist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, writer and editor. First African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard. Professor of history, sociology and economics at Atlanta University. One of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909.			


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7	Alonzo Franklin Herndon, 1858 – 1927	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Herndon Home Museum + Herndon Plaza + Crystal Palace (66 Peachtree St)		
Entrepreneur and businessman in Atlanta. Born into slavery, he became one of the first African American millionaires in the United States, first achieving success by owning and operating three large barber shops in the city that served prominent white men. In 1905 became the founder and president of what he built to be one of the United States' most well-known and successful African-American businesses, the Atlanta Family Life Insurance Company (Atlanta Life).			


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8	Jesse Hill, Jr., 1926 – 2012	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jesse Hill, Jr Drive + Civil Rights Walk of Fame		
Civil rights activist, active in the civic and business communities of Atlanta for more than 50 years. President and CEO of Atlanta Life Insurance Company from 1973 to 1992. First African American to be elected president of a chamber of commerce of a major city. During his presidency of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, it became the largest black-owned life insurance company in the nation. Member of the board of directors for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.			





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9	Donald Lee Hollowell, 1917 – 2004	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway		
<p>Civil rights attorney during the Civil Rights Movement. Successfully sued to integrate Atlanta's public schools, Georgia colleges, universities and public transit. Freed Martin Luther King Jr. from prison and mentored civil rights attorneys, including Vernon Jordan and Horace Ward. First black regional director of a federal agency — the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Hollowell was instrumental in effecting the desegregation of the University of Georgia in 1961.</p>			

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10	Hamilton E. Holmes, 1941 – 1995	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	H.E. Holmes MARTA Station + Hamilton E. Holmes Drive + Alfred E “Tup” Holmes GC		
<p>Head of orthopedic surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital. He and Charlayne Hunter-Gault were the first two African-American students admitted to the University of Georgia. He was also the first African-American student to attend the Emory University School of Medicine, where he earned his M.D. degree in 1967, later becoming a professor of orthopedics and associate dean at the school.</p>			


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11	Maynard Holbrook Jackson Jr., 1938 – 2003	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hartsfield-Jackson Int'l Airport + Historic Oakland Cemetery + Civil Rights Walk of Fame		
<p>Politician and attorney elected in 1973 at the age of 35 as the first black mayor of Atlanta and of any major city in the South. Served three terms (1974–1982, 1990–1994) making him the second longest-serving mayor of Atlanta, after six-term mayor, William B. Hartsfield. After his death, the William B. Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport was re-named Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in his honor.</p>			


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12	Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929 – 1968	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	MLK, Jr National Historical Park + MLK, Jr Blvd + MLK, Jr Statue + Atlanta Freedom Trail		
<p>Social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. Tireless advocate for racial equality, working class, and the oppressed around the world.</p>			





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13	John Robert Lewis, 1940 – 2020	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Civil Rights Walk of Fame + John Lewis Freedom Parkway + John Lewis Mural		
<p>Politician, statesman, and civil rights activist and leader who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020. He was the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966.</p>			

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14	Joseph Echols Lowery, 1921 – 2020	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Civil Rights Walk of Fame + Joseph Lowery Boulevard		
<p>Known as the "Dean of the Civil Rights Movement." Founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King Jr. and others, serving as its president and chairman of the board. Lowery participated in most of the major activities of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s and continued his civil rights work into the 21st century.</p>			


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15	Benjamin Elijah Mays, 1894 – 1984	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Benjamin E. Mays Drive + Benjamin E. Mays Senior High School		
<p>Baptist minister and civil rights leader who is credited with laying the intellectual foundations of the American civil rights movement. Taught and mentored many influential activists, including Martin Luther King Jr, Julian Bond, Maynard Jackson, and Donn Clendenon, among others. His rhetoric and intellectual pursuits focused on the spread of nonviolence and civil resistance in the mold of Mahatma Gandhi. The peak of his public influence coincided with his nearly three-decade tenure as the sixth president of Morehouse College in Atlanta.</p>			


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16	James & Robert Paschal, 1909 – 1997 / 1920 – 2008	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Paschal's Restaurant		
<p>Founders of the iconic Paschal's Restaurant, an iconic restaurant that dates back to 1947 when the Paschal brothers opened their first location at 831 West Hunter Street (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd). Paschal's became the "meeting place" for some of the most notable entertainers, politicians, and businesspeople, including Aretha Franklin, Dizzy Gillespie, Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Vice President Al Gore, and Dr. Martin Luther King to name a few.</p>			





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17	Dr. Roslyn Pope (still living)	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Atlanta Student Movement Boulevard + Historical Marker at Clark Atlanta University		
<p>Made history in 1960 when, as a student at Spelman College, she wrote "An Appeal for Human Rights." The document published on March 9, 1960, announced the formation of the Atlanta Student Movement, whose campaign of civil disobedience broke a suffocating stalemate over civil rights in Atlanta and hastened the end of racist Jim Crow laws and policies across the region. The "Appeal" quickly became a civil rights manifesto after it appeared as a full-page advertisement in Atlanta's newspapers.</p>			

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18	Booker Taliaferro Washington, 1856 – 1915	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Historical Marker in Piedmont Park + Booker T. Washington Senior High School		
<p>Educator, author, orator, and adviser to multiple presidents of the United States. Washington was from the last generation of black American leaders born into slavery and became the leading voice of the former slaves and their descendants. On September 18, 1895, he delivered his famous "Atlanta Compromise" speech at the Cotton States and International Exposition in Piedmont Park. Considered the definitive statement of what Washington termed the "accommodationist" strategy of Black response to southern racial tensions, it is widely regarded as one of the most significant speeches in American history.</p>			

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19	Jacques Dominique Wilkins (still living)	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Domonique Wilkins Statue at State Farm Arena + Domonique Wilkins Way		
<p>Professional basketball player, Wilkins was a nine-time NBA All-Star and is widely viewed as one of the best dunkers in NBA history, earning the nickname the "Human Highlight Reel." Played with Atlanta Hawks from 1982 – 94. His #21 jersey was retired by the Hawks on January 13, 2001. In 2006, Wilkins was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.</p>			

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20	Hosea Lorenzo Williams, 1926 – 2000	DATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hosea Williams Boulevard + Hosea Williams Mural + Hosea Helps		
<p>Civil rights leader, activist, ordained minister, businessman, philanthropist, scientist, and politician. He may be best known as a trusted member of fellow famed civil rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr.'s inner circle.</p>			



