

# Shining Bright, Shining Black

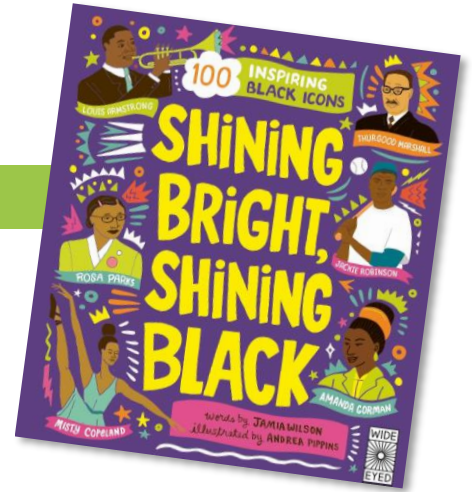
## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Black History

**Book Brief:** A collection of inspiring stories about 100 influential Black figures from history and today, celebrating their achievements and contributions across various fields. With biographies arranged chronologically, this treasury serves as an educational resource to empower the next generation of changemakers and promote the study of Black excellence in schools and homes.

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## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the people.

**Prior Knowledge:** Watch a video about inspiring Black icons.

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read today, we will learn about influential Black icons and how they inspire others."

## DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:  
(Answer the following questions per person)

- How did this individual inspire others?
- How did this individual cause change?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** Which icon do you find the most inspiring? Why?

**Extending Our Thinking:** Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students select 3-5 Black icons that they identify with. How do they inspire, help, influence you?

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about Black History in the [Black History Month Collection](#).