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BLACK FUTURES

Directions:

- 1. Review the Chart** – Read about the Black figures from the past and present in each category (Technology, Science, etc.)
- 2. Reflect on Their Impact** – Consider how past figures paved the way for those in the present and how today's leaders are shaping their fields.
- 3. Imagine the Future** – Predict what the future of each field might look like based on what you've learned. Think about new innovations, changes, and the kind of leader who might emerge in the next 50–100 years

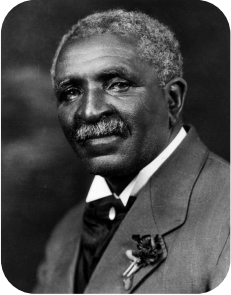





	HISTORY	THE PRESENT	IMAGINING THE FUTURE
TECHNOLOGY	 <p>Garrett Morgan (1877–1963) <i>Accomplishment:</i> Invented the three-position traffic signal and the gas mask.</p>	 <p>Dr. Marian Croak <i>Accomplishment:</i> Pioneered Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology, which is fundamental to modern video conferencing platforms like Zoom.</p>	What do you envision for the future of technology?
SOCIAL ACTIVISM	 <p>Ella Baker (1903–1986) <i>Accomplishment:</i> Civil rights leader and strategist who co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), empowering young activists in the 1960s.</p>	 <p>Tamika Mallory <i>Accomplishment:</i> Co-founder of the Women's March and a prominent advocate for racial justice, police reform, and social equity.</p>	What do you envision for the future of social activism?

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SCIENCE	 <p>George Washington Carver (1864–1943)</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Developed numerous uses for peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans, promoting alternative crops to cotton.</p>	 <p>Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Astrophysicist and science communicator, director of the Hayden Planetarium, and host of educational science programs.</p>	<p>What do you envision for the future of science?</p>
MEDICINE	 <p>Dr. Charles Drew (1904–1950)</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Pioneered methods of storing blood plasma, leading to large-scale blood banks.</p>	 <p>Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Viral immunologist who played a key role in developing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.</p>	<p>What do you envision for the future of medicine?</p>
FINANCE	 <p>John T. Patterson (1928–2000)</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Founded the first black-owned and black-operated brokerage firm on Wall Street in 1955.</p>	 <p>Robert F. Smith</p> <p><i>Accomplishment:</i> Billionaire investor and philanthropist, founder of Vista Equity Partners, and known for paying off student loan debt for the 2019 graduating class of Morehouse College.</p>	<p>What do you envision for the future of finance?</p>