

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner



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**LIBRA - The Harmonizer**  
*Nice to everyone they meet. Can't make up their mind. Have own unique appeal. Creative, energetic and very social. Hate to be alone. Peaceful, generous. Very loving and beautiful. Flirtatious. Give in too easily. Procrastinators. Very gullible.*

## The Opal is the stone for the month of October

Opal has been called the Cupid stone because it reflects the complexion of Eros, the Greek god of love. In the Middle Ages, opal was thought to render the wearer invisible, thus it was recommended for thieves to wear opals. Ancient Arab culture believed opals fell from heaven, acquiring their play of color from flashes of lightning. To the Romans, the opal was the symbol of hope and purity. They called it "Cupid Paederos", a child beautiful as love. The Roman senator Nonius chose to go into exile rather than surrender an opal to Mark Anthony and most opals are 50-65 million years old, dating back to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs walked the earth.

## October 19

*You are sensitive and shy and should cultivate self-assurance, for you could accomplish much more if you were more aggressive. You love your home and pleasant surroundings and strive at all times to make them happy.*

**1910** John Mills, Jr., singer with the Mills Brothers, is born in Piqua, OH.

**1920** (Alberta Peal) LaWanda Page, actor (Sanford and Son), is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1922** Juanita Moore, actor (Imitation of Life 1959), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1923** Georgia Montgomery Davis Powers, State Senator in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is born in Springfield, KY.

**1930** (Ferdinand A.) Fred Facey, radio and television announcer for NBC, is born.

**1934** (Samuel) Lloyd Haynes, actor (Room 222), is born in South Bend, IN.

**1934** Richard Arrington, Jr., zoologist and first African American mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, is born in Livingston, AL.

**1936** James L. Bevel, minister and leader in the Civil Rights Movement, is born in Itta Bena, MS.

**1936** **Johnnetta Betsch Cole, educator and the first African American woman to head Spelman College, is born in Jacksonville, FL.**

**1944** Peter Tosh, musician who is one of the founding fathers of reggae music is born in Westmoreland, Jamaica.

**1944** George Warren McCrae, Jr., singer (Rock Your Baby), is born in West Palm Beach, FL.

**1945** Sharon Redd, singer and actor (Rhoda), is born in Norfolk, VA.

**1943** Kenneth Washington, actor (Adam-12), is born.

**1947** Wilbert Hart, singer with the Delfonics (Didn't I Blow Your Mind This Time), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1949** Chauncey Wendell Bailey, Jr. journalist and editor-chief (The Oakland Post), is born in Oakland, CA.

**1949** (Crying) Sam Collins, blues singer and guitarist (The Jailhouse Blues), dies in Chicago, IL.

**1951** Douglas Harold Palmer, first African American mayor of Trenton, New Jersey, is born in Trenton, NJ.

**1957** Dorinda Grace Clark-Cole, gospel singer with The Clark Sisters, is born in Detroit, MI.

**1958** Michael Stephen Steele, first African American chairman of the Republican National Committee, is born at Andrews Air Force Base, MD.

**1960** Jennifer Yvette Holiday, singer (And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going), is born in Riverside, TX.

**1962** Arthel Neville, journalist and television personality (Fox News), is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1962** Evander Holyfield, professional heavyweight boxer, is born in Attmore, AL.

**1967** (Troy Dixon) Trouble T. Roy, dancer with Heavy D and the Boyz, is born in Mount Vernon, NY.

**1968** Greg Briggs, National Football League player, is born in Meadville, MS.

**1969** Chantel Ruth Tremiere, Women's National Basketball Association player, is born in Williamsport, PA.

**1972** Reginald R. Robinson, educator, pianist and composer (The Strong Man), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1972** (Prakazrel Samuel) Pras Michel, musician with the Fugees (The Score), is born in New York, NY.

**1973** Joaquin Jesse Gage, National Hockey League player, is born in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada.

**1976** Reidel Clarence Anthony, National Football



Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole

League player, is born in Pahokee, FL.

**1976** Joy Bryant, fashion model and actor (Parenthood), is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1976** Omar Gooding, rap artist and actor (Hanging with Mr. Cooper) (brother of Cuba Gooding, Jr. and son of Cuba Gooding, Sr.), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1977** (Craig De Sean Adams) D.J. Assault, producer/songwriter and DJ (Straight Up Detroit Shit Volumes: 1-5), is born in Detroit, MI.

**1979** Clara Byrd Baker, educator and the first woman to vote in Williamsburg, Virginia, dies in Virginia Beach, VA.

**1979** Marjorie Lee Browne, first African American woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics in the US, dies in Durham, NC.

**1980** Rajai Lavae Davis, Major League Baseball player, is born in Norwich, CT.

**1982** Brandon Curry, heavyweight professional bodybuilder, is born in Nashville, TN.

**1984** Julian Hudson Mayfield, writer and actor (Up Tight!), dies in Washington, DC.

**1984** James Zell McDonald, Major League Baseball player, is born in Long Beach, CA.

**1988** (Eddie James) Son House, Jr., blues singer, dies in Detroit, MI.

**1995** (Donald Eugene) Don Cherry, jazz trumpeter, dies in Malaga, Spain.

**2000** Hortense Ellis, reggae musician, dies in Kingston, Jamaica.

**2005** Shirley Valerie Horn, jazz singer and pianist (Embers and Ashes), dies in Washington, DC.

**2008** (Rudy Ray Moore) Dolemite, comedian and actor (The Human Tornado), dies in Akron, OH.

**2013** (Robert C.) Bobby Thomas, jazz drummer with the Junior Mance's Trio (The Soulful Piano of Junior Mance), dies.

## October 20

*You are of an easy-going, contented and comfort-loving disposition but these traits do not interfere with your faithfulness in duty. Capable and reliable you are looked up to by all. You are fond of good literature, love your home life and are devoted to your family.*

**1849** William Washington Browne, educator and minister, is born a slave in Habersham County, GA.

**1859** Lewis Sheridan Leary, harness maker from Oberlin, OH, dies in the Harper Ferry revolt.

**1895** Rex Ingram, actor (Green Pastures), is born in Cairo, IL.

**1901** Adelaide Hall, singer and entertainer, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1910** Charles Fugua, singer with The Ink Spots, is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1914** Fayard (Antonio) Nicholas, dancer with his brother Harold Nicholas, is born in Philadelphia PA.

**1932** (Roosevelt) Rosey Brown, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Charlottesville, VA.

**1934** (Edward) Eddie Harris, saxophonist, pianist and songwriter (Freedom Jazz Dance), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1937** Byllye Yvonne Avery, creator of the National Back Women's Health Project, is born in DeLand, FL.

**1937** Juan Antonio Marichal (Sanchez), Major League Baseball player, is born in Laguna Verde, Dominican Republic.

**1950** Nikki Grimes, illustrator of books and author (Bronx Masquerade), is born in Harlem, NY.

**1951** Cherie Buckner-Webb, member of the Idaho House of Representatives, is born in Boise, ID.

**1953** Keith Barlow Hernandez, Major League Baseball Player, is born in San Francisco, CA.

**1964** Kamala Devi Harris, Attorney General of California, is born in Oakland, CA.

**1968** (Glen Parris) G-Wiz, rap artist with Heavy D and the Boyz (Living Large), is born in New Rochelle, NY.

**1969** Chantel Ruth Tremiere, Women's National Basketball Association player, is born in Williamsport,

PA.

**1969** Juan Alberto Gonzalez Vazquez, Major League Baseball player, is born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

**1970** Taj McWilliams-Franklin, Women's National Basketball Association player, is born in El Paso, TX.

**1971** (Cordozar Calvin Broadus) Snoop Dogg, rap artist, is born in Long Beach, CA.

**1979** (Raphael Deseption) Choo Freeman, Major league Baseball player, is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

**1982** Lawrence Edward Roberts, III, National Basketball Association player, is born in Houston, TX.

**1984** Julian Mayfield, actor and writer (Young Americans Abroad), dies in Washington, DC.

**1985** Jennifer Nicole Freeman, actor (My Wife and Kids), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**2005** Shirley Horn, singer and pianist, dies in Washington, DC.

**2011** Muammar Muhammad Abu Minyar al-Gaddafi, Libyan revolutionary and politician, dies in Sirte, Libya.

**2012** (David LaFrance) Dave May, Major League Baseball player, dies in Bear, DE.

## October 21

*You are a natural leader and have divided executive ability. You are also a leader in your social life and are responsible for many of the pleasant affairs your circle enjoys. You are charming, gracious and always appear to the best advantage, have many real friends and are loyal to them.*

**1912** (Carlos Wesley) Don Byas, jazz tenor saxophonist, is born in Muskogee, OK.

**1916** Anthony Crawford is killed by a lynch mob in Abbeville, SC.

**1917** John Birks 'Dizzy' Gillespie, musician and composer is born in Cheraw, SC.

**1925** (Charles Isaiah) Doctor Ross, blues singer, guitarist and harmonica player, is born in Tunica, MS.

**1925** (Ursula Hilaria Celia de la Caridad Cruuz-Alfonso) Celia Cruz, singer (Queen of Salsa), is born in Havana, Cuba.

**1929** George Junius Stinney, Jr., the youngest person executed in the US, is born in Alcolu, SC.

**1935** Bobby Few, jazz pianist and vocalist (More or Less Few), is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1937** Lucy Diggs Slowe, organizer and founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., dies in Washington, DC.

**1940** (Edison Atantes do Nascimento) Pelé, International Footballer, is born in Tres Coraços, Brazil.

**1942** (Flora Yvonne Coleman) Yvonne Fair, sing (It Should Have Been Me), is born in Richmond, VA.

**1943** Paula Kelly, dancer and actor (The Women of Brewster Place), is born in Jacksonville, FL.

**1947** Ada M. Fisher, physician and one of three African Americans on the Republication National Committee, is born in Durham, NC.

**1947** (Florence Anthony) Ai Ogawa, educator and poet (Vice: New and Selected Poems), is born in Albany, TX.

**1948** Ahmos Zu-Bolton, playwright and poet (A Niggered Amen: poems), is born in Poplarville, MS.

**1950** Ronald Erwin McNair, astronaut and physicist who was killed in the explosion of the shuttle in 1986, is born in Lake City, SC.

**1960** Franklin Stubbs, Major League Baseball player, is born in Scotland County, NC.

**1960** Marie Woolfolk Taylor, co-founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., dies in Atlanta, GA.

**1960** Byron Pitts, national correspondent (The CBS Evening News), is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1962** Kirsten Venetta Brown, (Fleshman), slalom canoeer is born.

**1965** Jonathan P. Luna, Baltimore, Maryland based Assistant United State Attorney who was stabbed 36 times with his own penknife, is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1969** (Charles Edward) Chick Smith, Major League Baseball player and mayor of Woodmere, Ohio, is born in Memphis, TN.

**1970** Damon Whitaker, actor (Bird) (younger brother of Forest Whitaker), is born in Longview, TX.

**1974** (Al C. Clark) Donald Goines, writer (Dopefiend), is murdered in Detroit, MI.

**1980** Valerie Thomas awarded patent 4,229,761 for and Illusion transmitter

**1991** Vivian Alfreretta Dandridge, singer, actor (sister of Dorothy Dandridge), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**1995** Vada Edward Pinson, Jr., Major League Baseball player, dies in Oakland, CA.

**2003** Fred Allen Berry (Rerun), actor (What's Happening), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2013** Major Robert Odell Owens, US Representative from the state of New York, dies in New York, NY.

*Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.*