

Black History Month

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Beyoncé Knowles Carter

Sept 4, 1981-Present



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- I am the first African American to win the Oscar for “Best Original Screenplay.”
- The inspiration for one of my biggest films “Get Out” was inspired by an Eddie Murphy stand-up performance I saw as a young comedian.
- I am married to a “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” actress Chelsea Peretti and we have a son.

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February 21, 1979-Present



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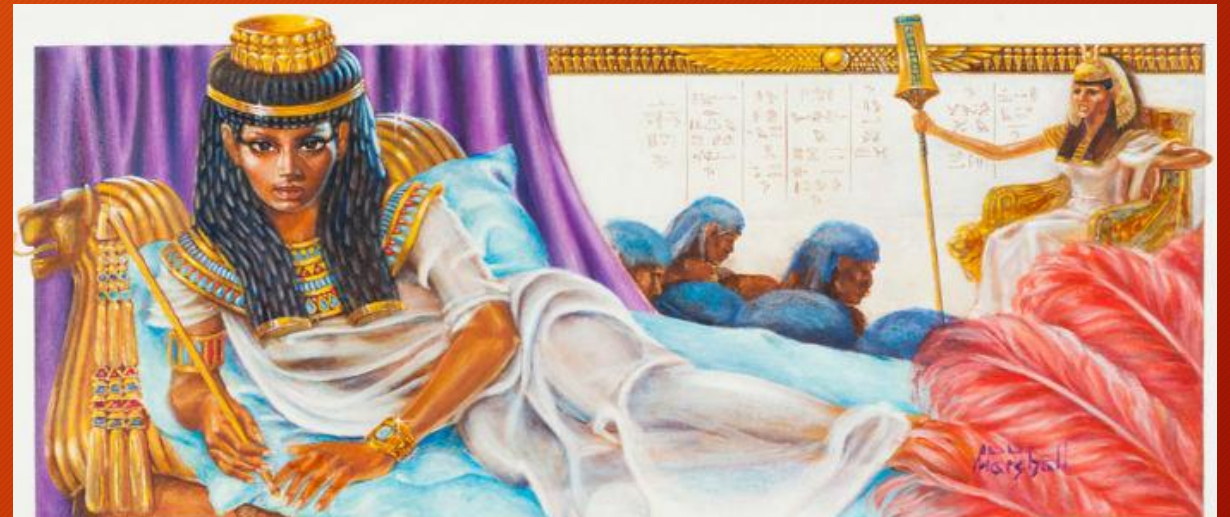


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- I started my own beauty line called Fenty Beauty.

Robyn Rihanna Fenty

February 20, 1988-Present



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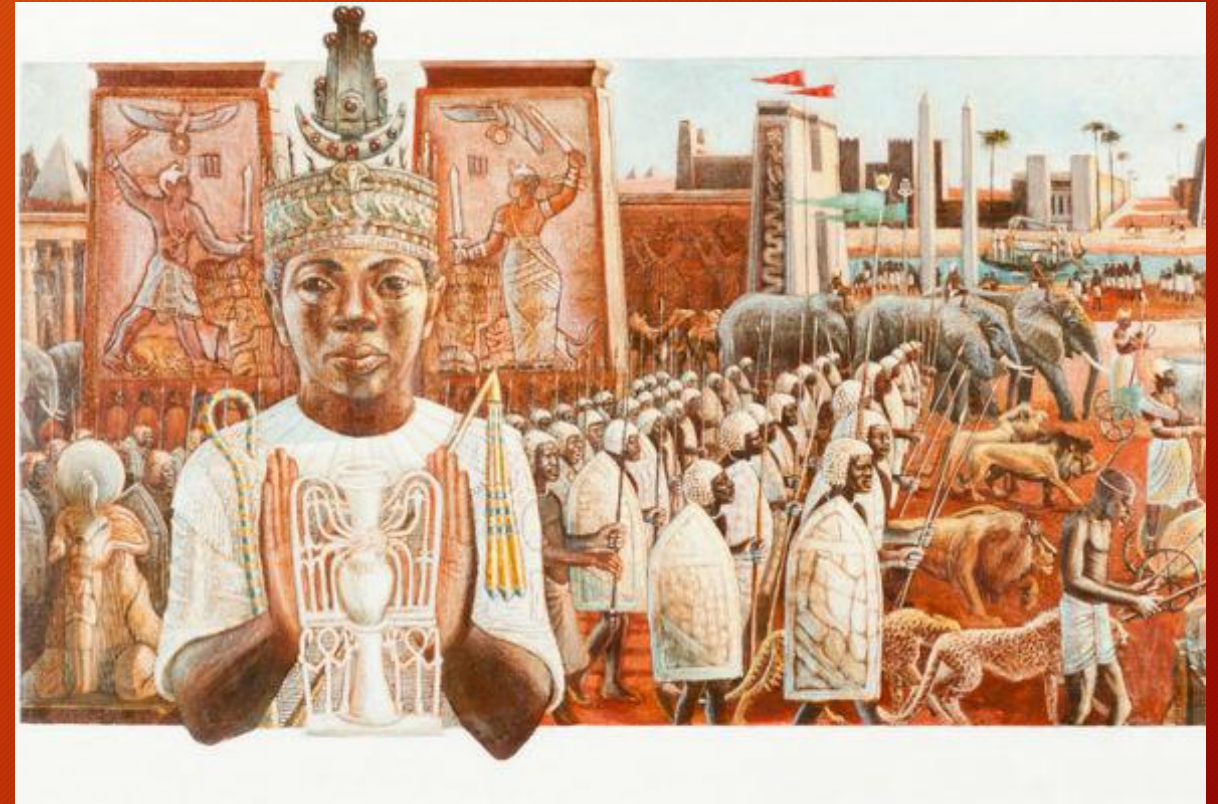


- I was the King of Nubia from 710 to 664 BC.
- At the age of 16 years old, I led my armies against the invading Assyrians in defense of my ally, Israel.
- During my 25-year reign, I controlled the largest empire in ancient Africa.
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- One of the co-founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
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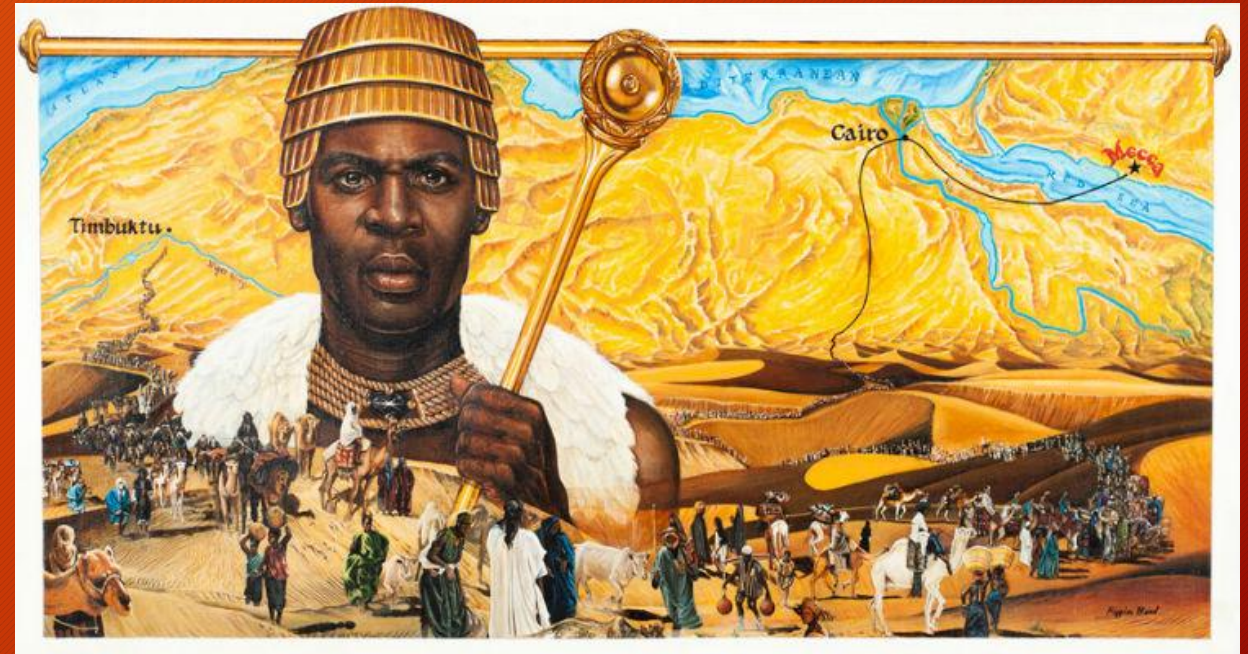


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Mansa Kankan Musa King of Mali (1306-1337)



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- I was born in Rogers, Texas during the height of the Great Depression and was barred from interacting with the regular part of society despite my talent that exceeded my white counterparts.
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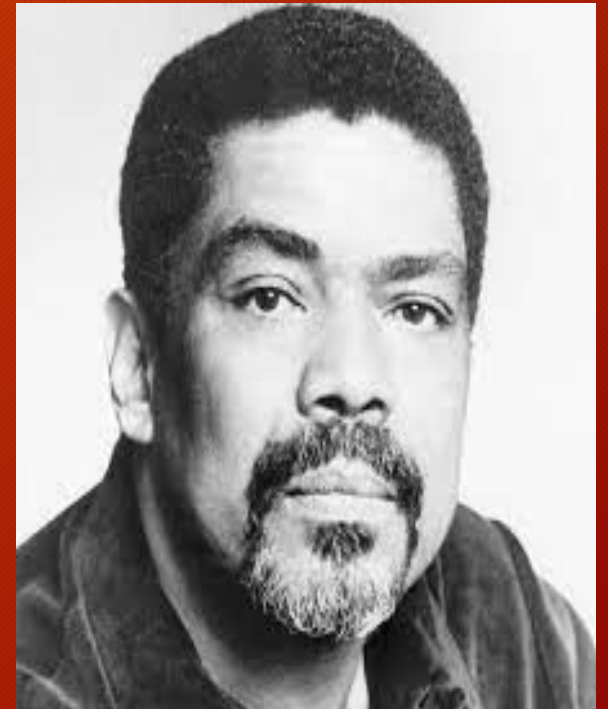
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- I gave him a son, Shaka, but was banished because the king's other wives were jealous.
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Nandi Queen of Zululand (1778-1826 AD)



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- I enlisted in the U.S Army due to financial difficulties and left college.
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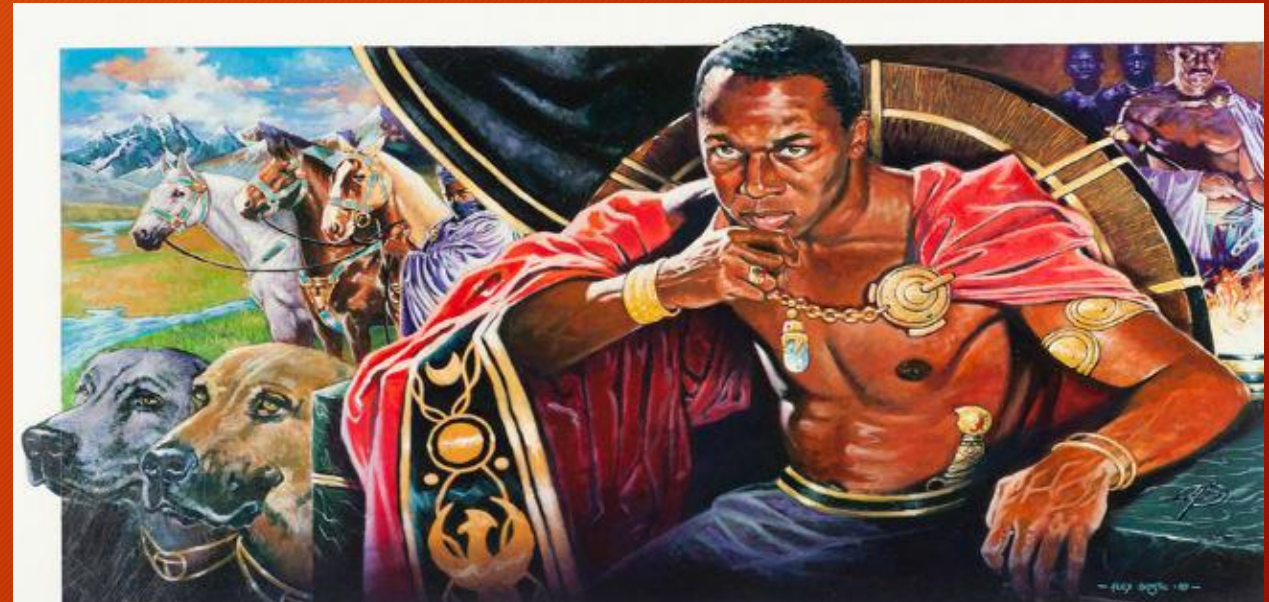


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Queen Amina of Zaria (1533-1610)



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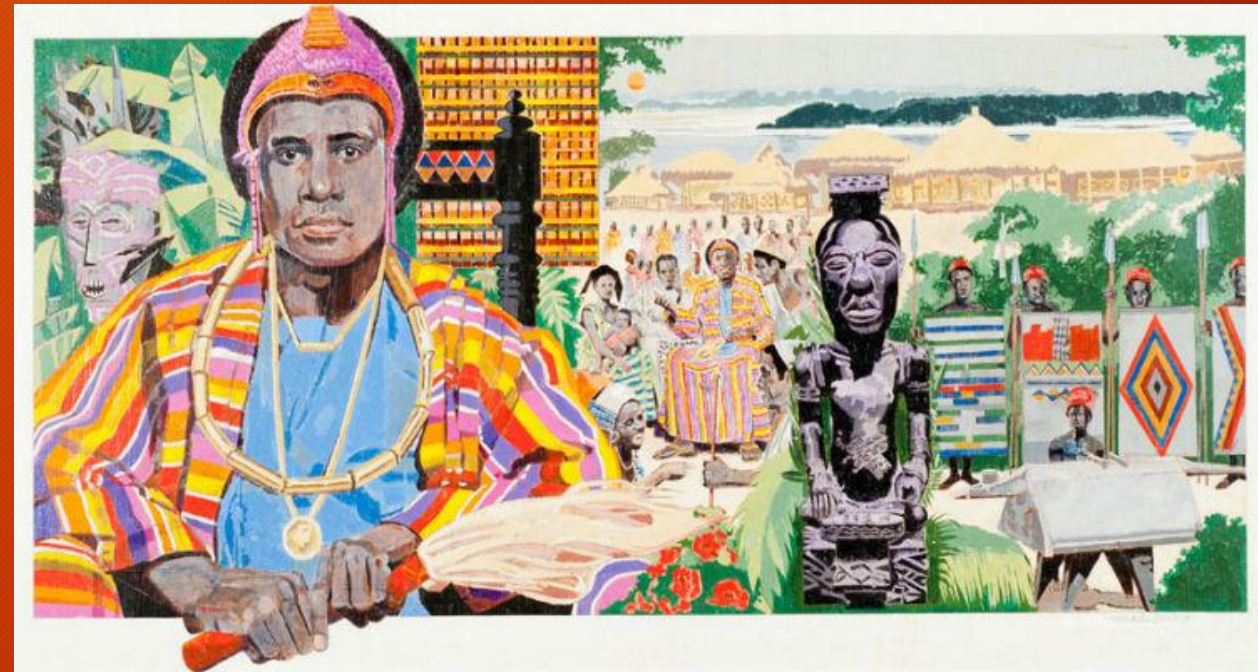


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1961-Present



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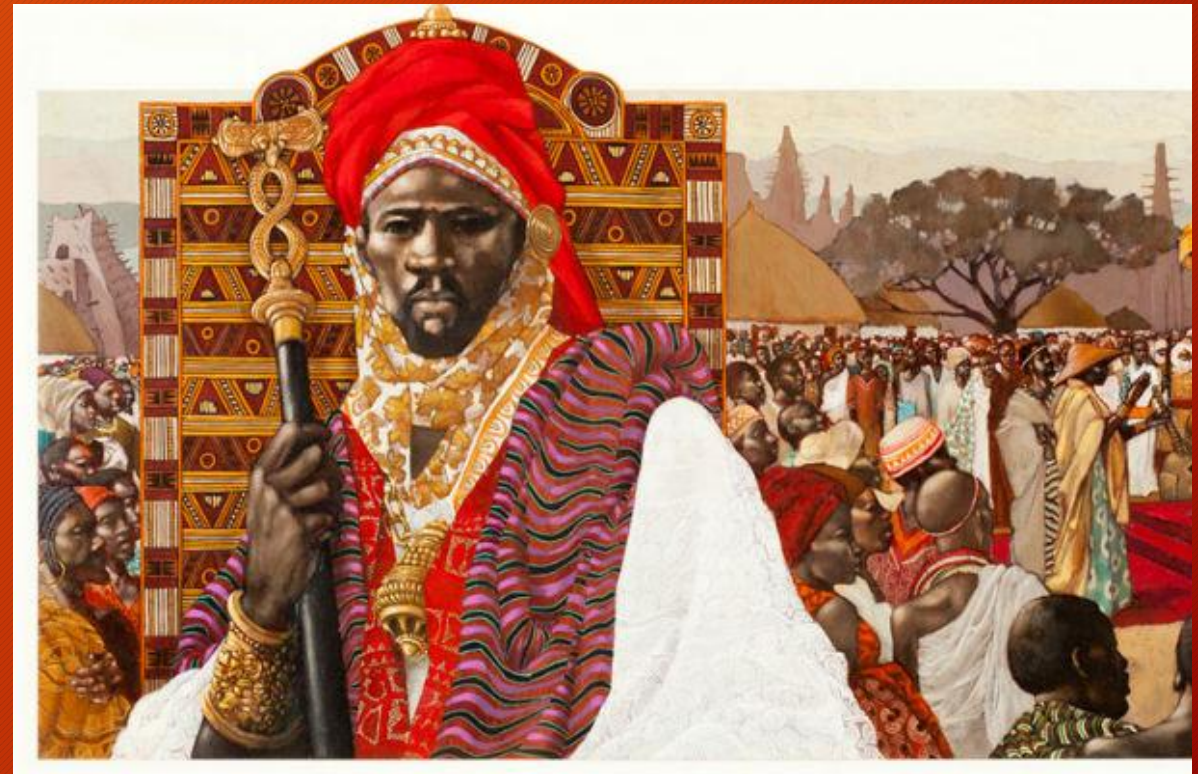


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1912-2006



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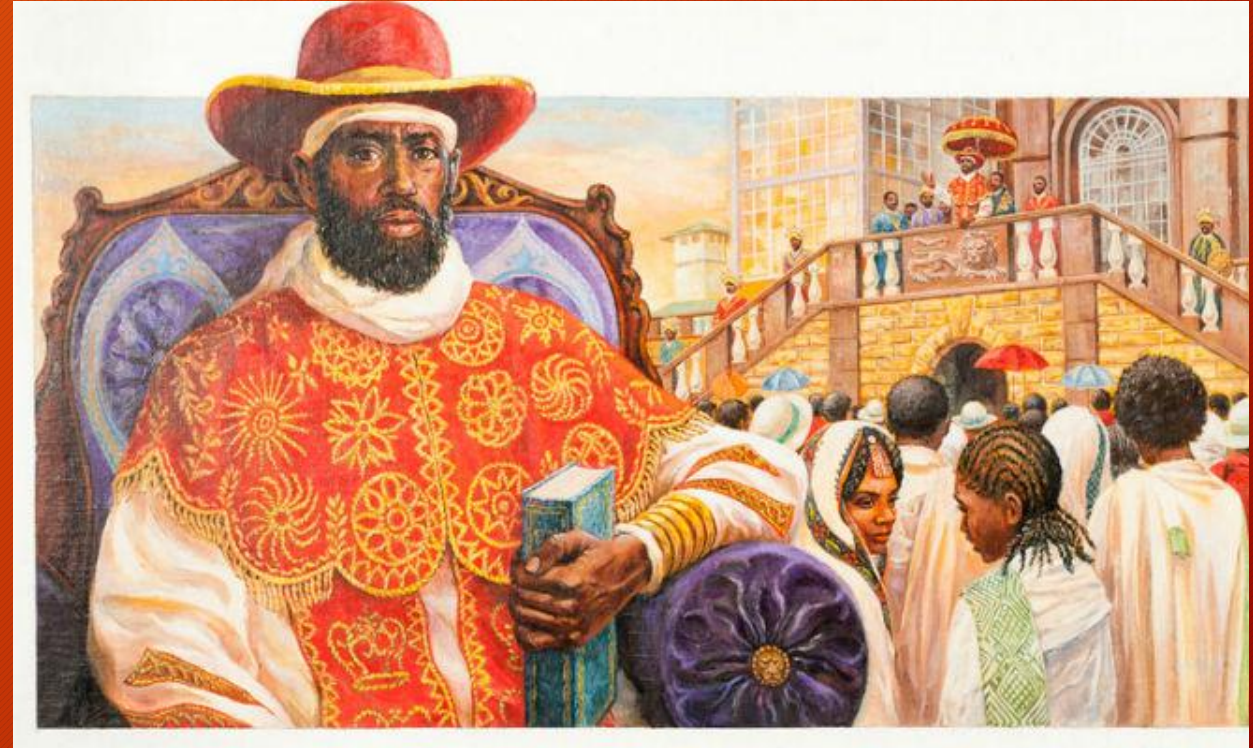


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