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Week Four—Atlanta

A Week of Accomplishments

- **Week 1: Politics**
- **Week 2: Harlem Renaissance**
- **Week 3: Religion**
- **Week 4: Atlanta**

Alonzo Franklin Herndon

b: 1858 – d: 1927

- Atlanta's first African-American millionaire.
- Owned three barbershops. "The Crystal Palace" was considered the most elegant in the country.
- Built the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, which, today, is the second largest African-American owned insurance company in America.



"If I thought that anything with which I was connected would always be small, I would not want to be in it."

The Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin

b: 1945

- The 58th mayor of Atlanta
- First female mayor of Atlanta and first African American woman elected mayor of any major Southern city
- Originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



“So much has happened, or is about to happen.... the time is right.”

Maynard Jackson

b: 1938 – d: 2003

- First African American mayor of Atlanta
- Graduated from Morehouse College when he was only 18.
- Helped rebuild Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport to modern standards. It was renamed Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in his honor shortly after his death.



“If you don't like affirmative action, what is your plan to guarantee a level playing field of opportunity?”

Mattiwilda Dobbs

b: 1925

- First African American opera singer to have a major international career
- First African American artist ever to sing at La Scala opera house.
- First African American offered a long-term contract by the Metropolitan Opera.
- Aunt of former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.
- First African-American on the faculty at University of Texas



“I was the first person to sing for a desegregated audience in Atlanta... The mayor came and gave me flowers. Before then I had to sit in balcony whenever I went to that auditorium.

Selena Sloan Butler

b: 1872 – d: 1964

- Co-founder of the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).
- Formed the nation's first African American parent-teacher association..
- Appointed to the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection by President Herbert Hoover

