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Names

Chisholm, Shirley, 1924-2005
Cleaver, Eldridge, 1935-1998
Du Bois, W. E. B. (William Edward Burghardt), 1868-1963
Evers, Medgar Wiley, 1925-1963
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968
Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993
Metcalf, George R., 1914-2002
Parks, Rosa, 1913-2005
Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981
X, Malcolm, 1925-1965

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