BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN

# **BECAUSE OF** WENDELL SCOTT

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## THE RACE OF A LIFETIME

Instructions: Read the timeline below to learn more about Wendell Scott's life and achievements! Then

find anothe<mark>r African</mark>-Am<mark>erican r</mark>acecar driver and make a timeline of

their life. Compare and contrast their experiences.

Wendell Oliver Scott was one of the first African-American drivers in NASCAR, which is the **professional** race car driving organization. He was also the first African American to win the highest **competition**, which is the Grand National Series.

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	1921	Wendell Scott was born in Danville, Virginia.			
***	1935	He started driving when he was just 14. He would help his family by going to the store and he also drove to church.			
	1943	He began his career in the <b>army</b> and he worked in cars while was there. After he left the army he worked on cars and soon become one of the most well-known <b>mechanics</b> in Virginia. He also worked as a taxi driver.			
	1947	He started racing for fun and more and more people began to notice his skills.			
	MAR 4, 1961	He took part in his first major NASCAR race after many <b>challenges</b> .			
	1959	By now, he had won many races and competed in the Virginia State Championship and won.			
	DEC 1, 1963	Scott became the first African American to win the Sprint Cup <b>Division</b> , the top division in NASCAR. But he was not given that <b>title</b> at first. It took several days for him to be named the winner because at that time some people didn't want a Black man to race or win.			
	1973	Scott got into a car crash and <b>retired</b> .			
	1990 Wendell Scott died of spinal cancer.				
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# **COMPARE AND CONTRAST**

Instructions: Now research another African-American race car driver, and compare their timelines and experiences with what you just read about Wendell Scott! Be sure to write in their name and do your best to draw a portrait.



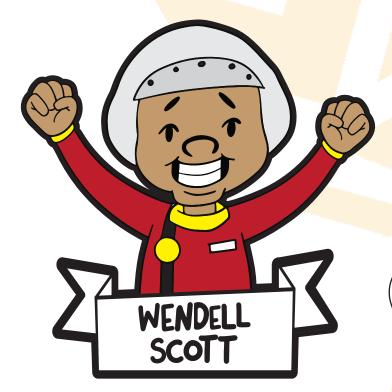
#### **WENDELL SCOTT**



### ITS YOUR RACE!

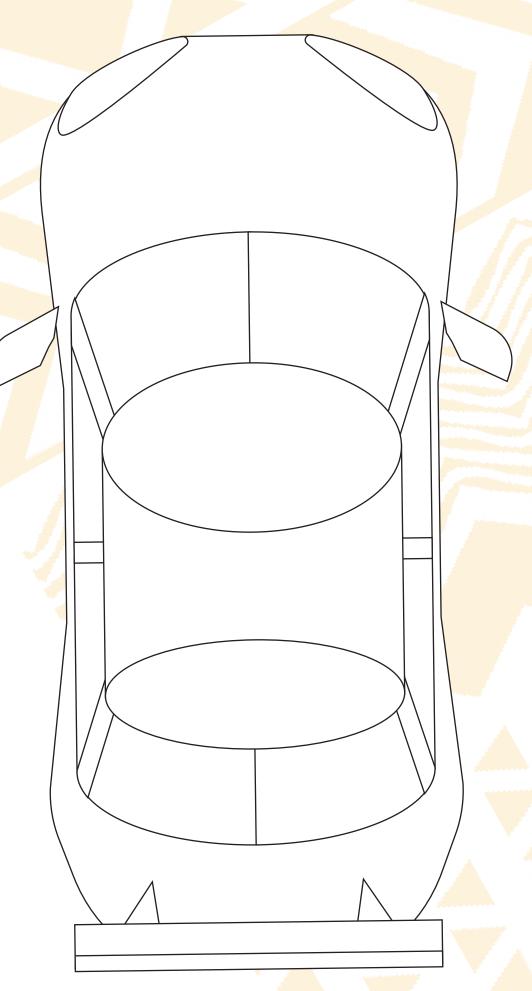
Instructions: Below you have the outline of a blank car. You get to color and decorate your race car in any way you want! Then you will create a short story about your car and a race. You want to include things like the main character who will be driving you car, where the race takes place, and why the race is important.

Below are some pictures of Wendell's cars that he raced in to help you think!









#### **DO WHAT YOU WANT TO!**

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#### ANANVANV GLOSSARY ANVINVANV

**Professional** - done by people who are paid to play or compete

Competition - the act or process of trying to get or win something (such as a prize or a higher level of success) that someone else is also trying to get or win

**Army** - a large group of soldiers organized to fight battles on land

**Mechanic** - a person who repairs machines (such as car engines) and keeps them running properly

**Challenges** - things that test the ability, skill, or strength of someone or something

**Division** - a group of teams that form one section of a sports league

Title - the status or position of being the champion in a sport or other competition

Retired - not working anymore : having ended



#### **GOING THE DISTANCE**

Instructions: Use the formula below to find the distance that a car travels, or work out its speed.

The formula for distance is distance = speed x time (or D = SxT). In some questions you will be given the speed and time of a car and you will find the distance that was traveled or you could also given the distance and time and then find the speed using the formula speed=

1. If a car travels 200 miles per hour for 190 hours, what is the total distance that it travels?

2. If a car travels 180 miles per hour for 360 hours, what is the total distance that it travels?

3. If a race car travels 300 miles in 2 hours, how fast is it going?

ANSWER KEY: (1) 38,000 miles (2) 64,800 miles (3) 150 miles per hour

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR THE SACRIFICES OF MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE I WILL PURSUE

MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP OTHERS ALONG