

# Maths Assembly: Hidden Figures

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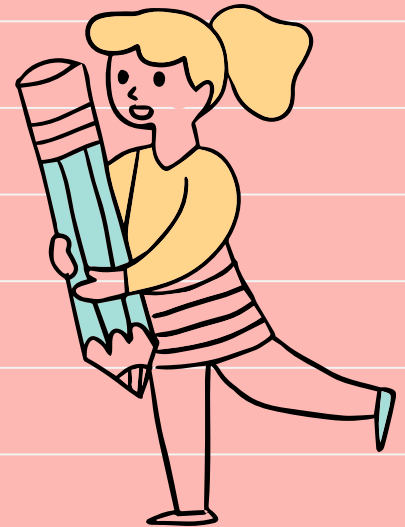
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# What is this movie about and why you should watch it?

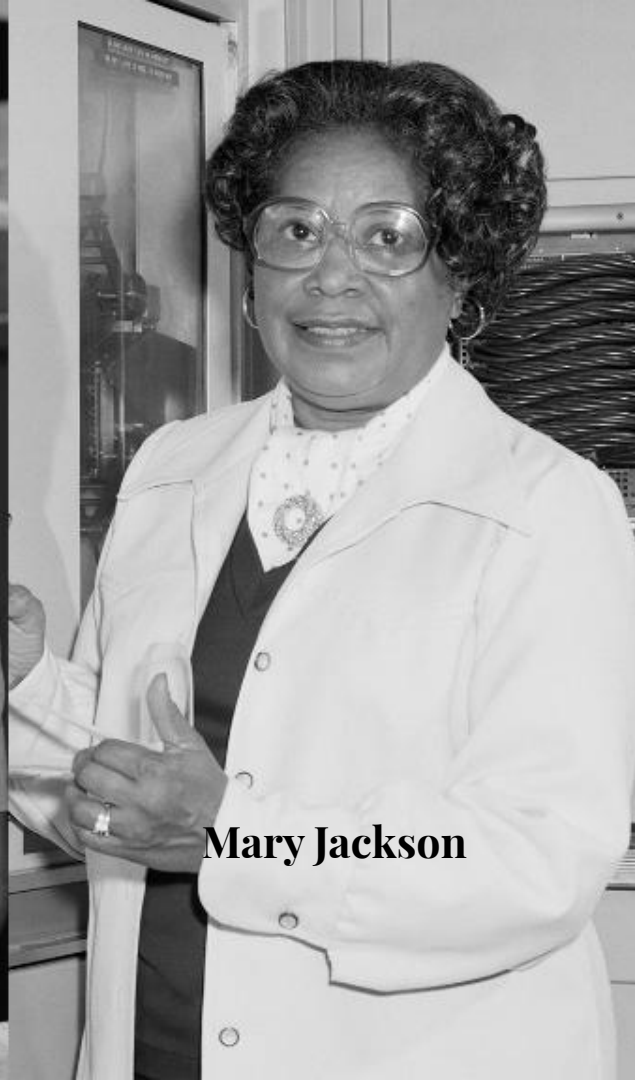
Hidden Figures is a book and film based off of a real life group of black women working in NASA in the 1960s and having to overcome racism, segregation and sexism in a workplace dominated by white men.

It can help us understand the problems that were faced by women, especially women of colour in the field of STEM, and the problems that are still faced now.





**Katherine Johnson**



**Mary Jackson**



**Dorothy Vaughan**

# The Main Characters

## Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson was an African-American woman who worked as a "computer" in NASA. She was very passionate and outspoken about refusing to be discriminated against, for example, she refused to use the segregated bathrooms which were used to isolate and discriminate against black people.. She was very dedicated and intelligent, and became successful in her field, becoming the first woman to publish a paper in space flight.

## Mary Jackson

Mary Jackson worked as a teacher before she came to be a computer at NASA. She was extremely bright and frustrated by the discrimination she experienced in the work place despite being as intelligent as her white, male colleagues. At last her determination paid off, and she worked to encourage black people and women to fight for their dreams even if it can be tough.

## Dorothy Vaughan

Dorothy Vaughan was strong-minded and fiercely devoted to her church and her children, whilst also being ambitious in her work. At first she was frightened to leave her small town life for her work, but she needed money to support her family. Eventually she works her way up to become the first black section head in NASA and fights for equality and equal pay for women in NASA.

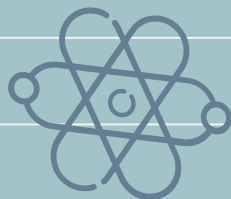
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**“It's not because we wear  
skirts. It's because we wear  
glasses.”**



– Katherine G. Johnson







**Thanks for listening!**  
**Have a good week!**

