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Info-graphic of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans

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HALL OF FAME OCCUPATIONS

POLITICS/LAW

Benjamin Franklin
George Washington
John Adams
Henry Clay
Thomas Jefferson
Abraham Lincoln
Daniel Webster
James Madison
John Quincy Adams
Andrew Jackson
Alexander Hamilton
James Monroe
Patrick Henry
Grover Cleveland
Theodore Roosevelt
Woodrow Wilson
John Marshall
Joseph Story
James Kent
Rufus Choate
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
Franklin Delano Roosevelt

WRITER

Thomas Paine
Henry David Thoreau
Jonathan Edwards
Sidney Lanier
James Fenimore Cooper
Harriet Beecher Stowe
John Lothrop Motley
Samuel Clemens
(Mark Twain)
Francis Parkman
Edgar Allan Poe
George Bancroft
William Cullen Bryant
John Greenleaf Whittier
Oliver Wendell Holmes
James Russell Lowell
Ralph Waldo Emerson
Nathaniel Hawthorne
Washington Irving
Henry Longfellow
Walt Whitman

INVENTOR

Elias Howe
Alexander Graham Bell
Eli Whitney
Samuel Morse
George Westinghouse
Joseph Henry
Wilbur Wright
Thomas Alva Edison
Orville Wright
Peter Cooper

ART/MUSIC/ THEATER

John James Audubon
Robert Fulton
John Philip Sousa
Edward MacDowell
Stephen Collins Foster
James Whistler
Gilbert Charles Stuart
Augustus Saint-Gaudens
Charlotte Cushman
Edwin Booth

EDUCATION/ PHILANTHROPY

George Peabody
Lillian D. Wald
Mary Lyon
Booker T. Washington
Alice Freeman Palmer
Emma Willard
Mark Hopkins
Horace Mann

MILITARY

Matthew Maury
William Sherman
Ulysses Simpson Grant
Thomas Jackson
John Paul Jones
Robert Edward Lee
David Farragut

RELIGION

William Penn
Roger Williams
Phillips Brooks
Henry Ward Beecher
William Channing
Jonathan Edwards

ENGINEERING/ PHYSICS

James Buchanan Eads
William Gorgas
Silvanus Thayer
Josiah Willard Gibbs
Albert Michelson

BIOLOGY/ MEDICINE

Asa Gray
Louis Agassiz
George Washington Carver
William Morton
Walter Reed

FEMINIST

Frances Willard
Susan B. Anthony
Jane Addams

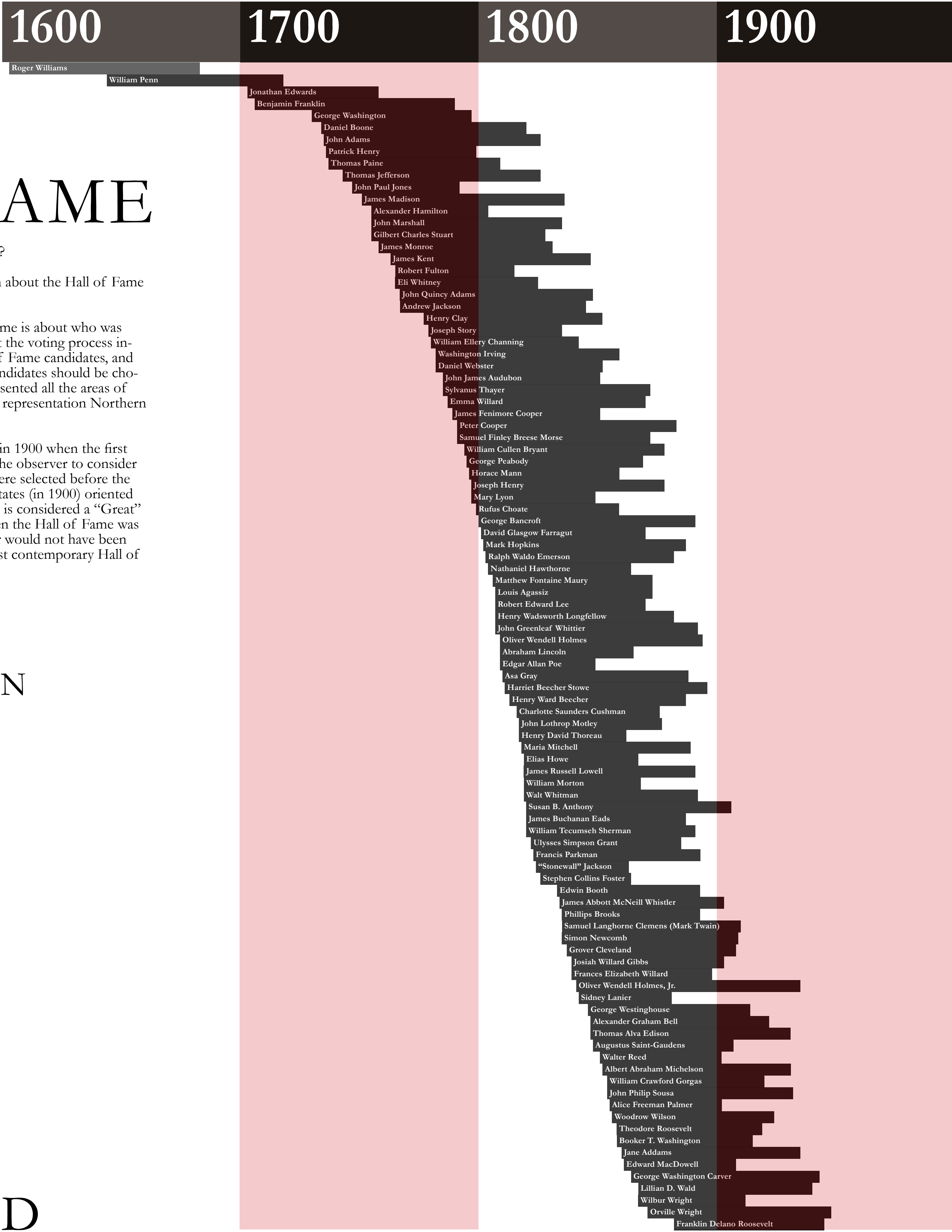
ASTRONOMY

Simon Newcomb
Maria Mitchell

EXPLORER

Daniel Boone

LIFE SPAN



HALL OF FAME

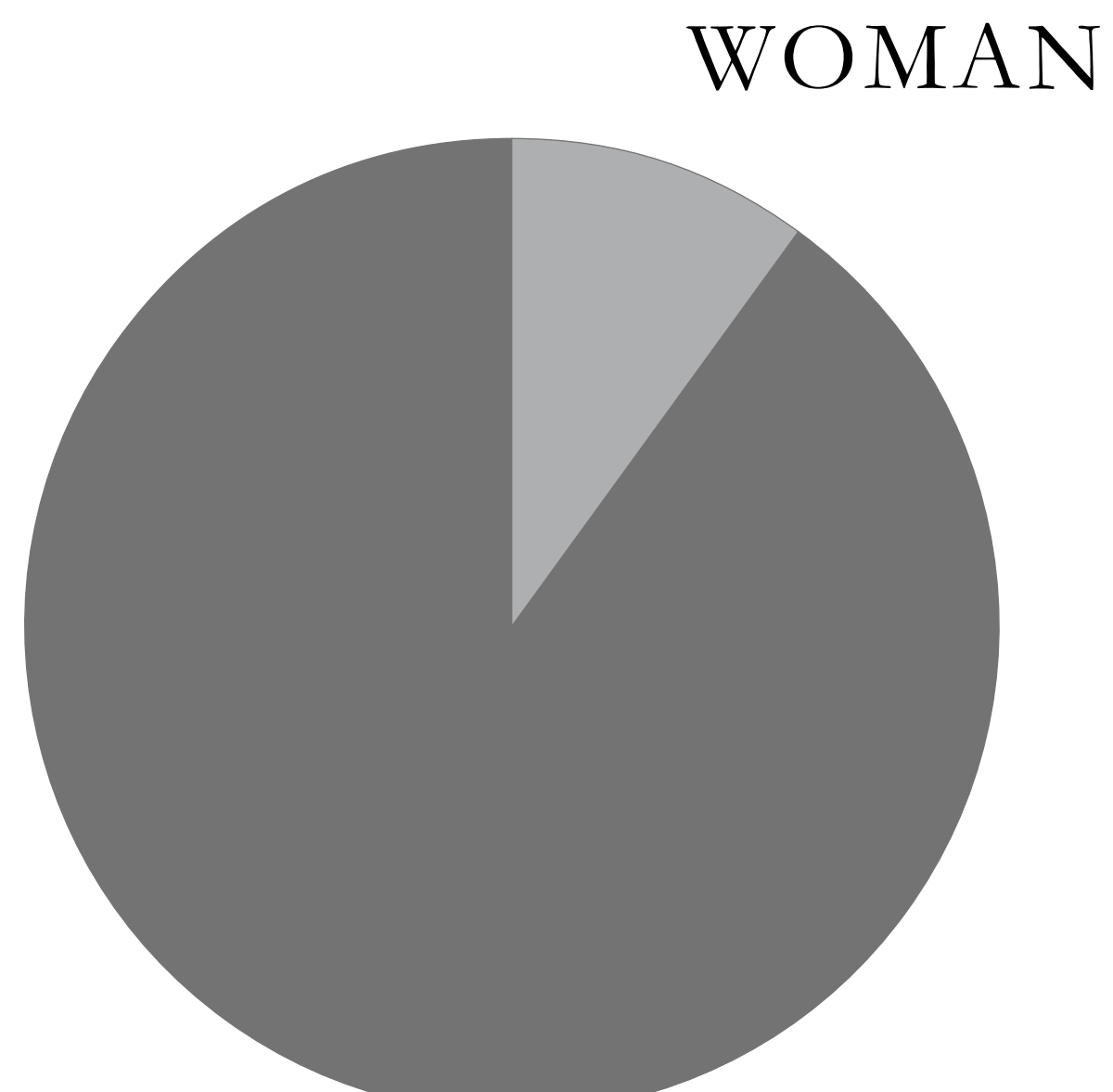
What do we know about the Hall of Fame for Great Americans?

This graphic is intended to show some comparative information about the Hall of Fame inductees.

One of the most frequent questions raised about the Hall of Fame is about who was allowed to be inducted? There is extensive documentation about the voting process involved in the Hall of Fame. There were national calls for Hall of Fame candidates, and the a body of Hall of Fame delegates voted on who of these candidates should be chosen. Much attention was paid to making sure the delegates represented all the areas of the United States. Equal representation was focused on regional representation Northern Southern and Western states.

This speaks to the notion of equality that was most concerning in 1900 when the first round of Hall of Fame inductees was announced. I would like the observer to consider a few things about the Hall of Fame inductees. most of them were selected before the U.S.'s involvement in any World War. Consider that the United states (in 1900) oriented its historical identity around the Civil War. The question of who is considered a "Great" American may have been very different in this time period. When the Hall of Fame was first elected in 1900 a great American like Martin Luther King Jr would not have been born until 1929. He would have been 16 years old when the most contemporary Hall of Fame inductee FDR, finally died.

How will we remember our great Americans far into the future?



DATE ELECTED

All of the Honored Hall of Fame members are listed below ranked by how many votes the received when inducted

1900	1905	1910	1915	1920	1925	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1973
97 George Washington	60 John Quincy Adams	74 <i>Harriet Beecher Stowe</i>	70 Alexander Hamilton	72 William Morton	85 Edwin Booth	74 James Whistler	83 William Penn	86 Stephen Foster	57 Booker Washington	81 William Gorgas	86 Wilbur Wright	108 Thomas Edison	77 Silvanus Thayer	82 Albert Michelson	78 John Philip Sousa
96 Abraham Lincoln	59 James Russell Lowell	69 Edgar Allan Poe	69 Mark Hopkins	72 Samuel Clemens	68 John Jones	66 James Monroe	78 Simon Newcomb	77 Woodrow Wilson	51 Thomas Paine	77 Woodrow Wilson	72 Thomas Jackson	83 Henry Thoreau	79 Oliver Holmes, Jr.	68 <i>Lillian D. Wald</i>	104 George Carver
96 Daniel Webster	59 <i>Mary Lyon</i>	69 Oliver Wendell Holmes	68 Francis Parkman	67 Augustus Saint-Gaudens	66 Roger Williams	66 Matthew Maury	77 Grover Cleveland	49 Walter Reed	49 Walter Reed	72 <i>Susan B. Anthony</i>	62 George Westinghouse	72 Edward MacDowell	94 <i>Jane Addams</i>	87 Franklin Roosevelt	87 Franklin Roosevelt
94 Benjamin Franklin	58 William Sherman	62 James Fenimore Cooper	65 Louis Agassiz	66 Roger Williams	66 Roger Williams	64 Walt Whitman		48 Sidney Lanier	48 Sidney Lanier	70 Theodore Roosevelt			74 Orville Wright	98 Louis Brandeis	
93 Ulysses S. Grant	56 James Madison	60 Phillips Brooks	61 Elias Howe	57 Patrick Henry						70 Alexander Bell					
91 John Marshall	53 John Whittier	59 William Cullen Bryant	56 Joseph Henry	53 <i>Alice Freeman Palmer</i>						64 Josiah Willard Gibbs					
91 Thomas Jefferson	50 <i>Emma Willard</i>	55 <i>Frances Willard</i>	53 <i>Charlotte Cushman</i>	51 James Buchanan Eads											
87 Ralph Waldo Emerson	48 <i>Maria Mitchell</i>	53 George Bancroft	52 Daniel Boone												
86 Robert Fulton		53 Andrew Jackson	52 Rufus Choate												
85 Henry Longfellow		51 John Lothrop Motley													
83 Washington Irving															
82 Jonathan Edwards															
82 Samuel Morse															
79 David Farragut															
74 Henry Clay															
74 George Peabody															
73 Nathaniel Hawthorne															
69 Peter Cooper															
69 Eli Whitney															
68 Robert Edward Lee															
67 Horace Mann															
67 John James Audubon															
65 James Kent															
64 Henry Ward Beecher															
64 Joseph Story															
62 John Adams															
58 William Channing															
52 Gilbert Charles Stuart															
51 Asa Gray															

In 1973, New York University transferred the properties of the University Heights campus to Bronx Community College of the City University of New York, and both NYU and CUNY agreed to a joint sponsorship of a separately incorporated Hall of Fame.

Great Americans: A Guide to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. New York: New York U, 1977. p.12.

Louis Brandeis and the 1976 Hall of Fame members do not yet have busts to represent them.



1976
Clara Burton
Luther Burbank
Andrew Carnegie