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Info-graphic of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans

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One of the most frequent questions raised about the Hall of Fame is about who was born until 1929. He would have been 16 years old when the most contemporary Hall of Fame delegates voted on who of these candidates should be chosen. This speaks to the notion of equality that was most concerning in 1900 when the first Hall of Fame delegates were selected before the U.S.'s involvement in any World War. Consider that the United States (in 1900) entered its 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 delegates Elected, finally died.

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

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

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 with NYU aid CUNY accepted a joint sponsorship of a separately incorporated Hall of Fame.