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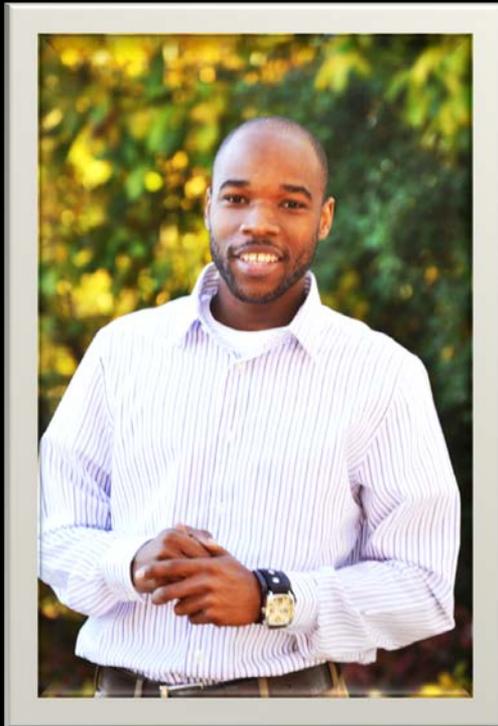
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Joseph A. Ward is a graduate of Florida A&M University and holds his Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He possesses over six years of experience in delivering academic success presentations to grades K-12, college-aged students, and middle aged adults. By working in diverse venues such as grade schools, college campuses, juvenile divergent programs, correctional Institutions, religious communities, homeless shelters, and foster homes has become skilled at providing valuable life training to a wide variety of community members.

A graduate of the "New Hope Program" with the Florida Department of Health in Leon County, Mr. Ward served as a co-facilitator with the program for over four years, which works to teach life and professional skills to underprivileged persons. He helped to establish the FAMU chapter of MOST (Men of Strength) and currently serves as co-facilitator with the organization. Mr. Ward also successfully developed the Sexual Violence Prevention Program with the Florida Department of Health in Leon County

and holds over six years of Sexual/Domestic Violence Prevention training experience with A Call to Men, Men Can Stop Rape, and the Florida Council against Sexual Violence.

Mr. Ward's commitment to his community has proven him to be a reputable teacher, trainer, and motivator. He is dedicated to uplifting and educating individuals around the world while helping to create mindsets and environments which foster greatness.



# Press Release:

## **On the Shoulders of Giants**

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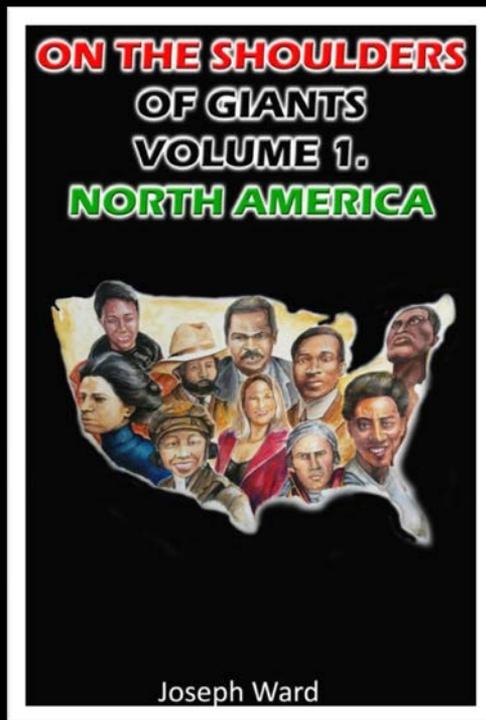
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If you would like more information about On the Shoulders of Giants Vol: 1 North America or to schedule an interview with Joseph Ward, please call (850) 363-1516 or email [Ontheshoulders1@gmail.com](mailto:Ontheshoulders1@gmail.com).



*On the Shoulders of Giants Vol: 1 North America* is a mini eBook highlighting heroes of African American, African and Indigenous American descent. This eBook is an extension of my blog page *On the Shoulders of Giants*. This book and the blog page were designed to create awareness about heroes of the past and present who gave the world hope and freedom. It is important to recognize and understand the contributions of those before you, particularly those of African or Indigenous descent. Our past is significant because of the plight we had to overcome and in some aspects are still overcoming, to be considered human beings. This book is intended to bring awareness and give an alternative perspective of the history of Africans, African-Americans, and Indigenous Americas in North America. I believe the media gives negative perspectives of the history of nonwhite persons in North

America. This book and the volumes to follow will bring light to the major accomplishments of non-whites before, during and after slavery. I feel it is important for the nonwhite youth of the world to understand the significant impact people of their culture and other cultures have made.

This volume focuses on heroes from Mexico, America and Canada. This book is for the brave trailblazing men and women in history, who used their talents to empower and uplift their people and or fought for their freedom. When one is knowledgeable about their past, their sense of self-worth will improve and they become a vessel of information to pass along to the next generation. The following ten people are trailblazers we can be proud of for serving their people. We stand on their shoulders. Enjoy!!

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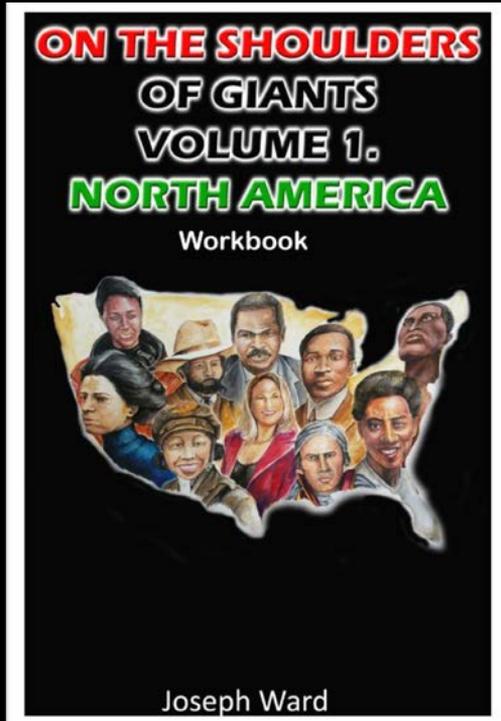
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# Workbook



*On the Shoulders of Giants Vol: 1 North America the Workbook* is filled with activities designed to make learning history fun and relevant. This workbook contains cross word puzzles, word match, word find, word scrambles, true/false questions, multiple choice questions and more.

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# Book Excerpt

## Althea Gibson

Althea Gibson was born August 25, 1927 to parents Annie Bell and Daniel Gibson in Silver, South Carolina. As a young girl Gibson's life had its share of hardships. Her family eventually moved to Harlem, New York but still found hard times. Althea struggled in school and even skipped school altogether at times. But she found a love for ping pong which helped her regain focus. She began to get good at ping pong and even began winning tournaments sponsored by the local Harlem recreation department.

In 1941, she was introduced to the Harlem River Tennis Courts. This helped her develop a love for tennis. She began improving rapidly and in 1942, she won a tournament sponsored by the American Tennis Association. Althea also won the ATA title in 1944 and 1945. She lost the title in 1946, but went on to win the title consecutively from 1947 to 1956. Because of her ATA success, Althea was offered a sports scholarship from Florida A&M University. Althea found herself struggling to get by as a black student. It was hard for her to get access to the tennis tournaments. In 1950, Alice Mable wrote an article in the American Lawn Tennis magazine, criticizing the sport of tennis for denying Gibson a chance to play in the major tournaments. Following the article, in 1951 Gibson was invited to Wimbledon, which made her the first African-American invited to the tournament.

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