



Education Department Resource

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Copy the cards below on to card stock to play “History Match-Up.” Distribute a card to participants and have them find their match.

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## History Match-Up (Answers)

After checking the answers below to see if you matched correctly, discuss the following questions:

- Are you surprised to find out that all the historical figures in this activity were/are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)? Which ones surprise you the most? Why?
- Why do you think the contributions and identities of LGBT people have been erased from history so frequently?
- What other groups have been consistently left out of or misrepresented in our history books?
- How does it feel to be invisible? What is the impact of invisibility in the curriculum?

### ANSWER KEY

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