

### **Meeting the Speakers on the Platform: Discussion Questions**

1. How could you learn more about these speakers?
2. How can individuals and groups shape history?
3. Do you feel called to speak out about issues or injustices? What are they?
4. Why is it sometimes difficult to stand up for your beliefs?
5. Why is the right to vote important?
6. The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, ratified on February 3, 1870, granted African American men the right to vote, but there were still obstacles that kept African American men from voting. What were these obstacles?
7. The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment granted *men who were United States citizens* the right to vote without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude. What about women? When and how did women gain the right to vote?
8. Are there issues of discrimination and inequality in our society today?