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Michigan's Remarkable Icons: Famous People from the Wolverine State

Short Answer Key

1. Thomas Edison invented the phonograph.
2. Aretha Franklin earned her title as the "Queen of Soul" through her powerful singing voice and hits like "Respect" and "Natural Woman."
3. Rosa Parks made her historic stand by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. This act of civil disobedience sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and became a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement.
4. Madonna's lasting impact on the music and entertainment industry includes her influence on pop culture, music videos, and her ability to reinvent herself as an artist.
5. Elijah McCoy's inventions, particularly the automatic lubrication system for steam engines, improved industrial machinery by ensuring continuous lubrication, reducing maintenance, and increasing efficiency.

