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By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music Jack Johnson c.1908 The legendary Jack Johnson (1878-1946) is remembered as the first African-American world heavyweight boxing champion, a title he held from 1908 to 1915. At a time when race relations were extremely volatile in the United States, Johnson caused a sensation...

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