



## BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

### QUESTIONS

- 1** Which 1964 act declared that people must be treated fairly, no matter the color of their skin?
- 2** Who was the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress?
- 3** What was the name of the African-American fighter pilot group formed during World War II?
- 4** Who was the first African American to win an Academy Award for best actor?
- 5** In what city did Rosa Parks get arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man?
- 6** Who received a patent on his invention of a longer-lasting light bulb?
- 7** In which decade did young African Americans start hip hop music?
- 8** Who was the first black female astronaut?
- 9** What do the initials NAACP stand for?
- 10** Which pole did Matthew Henson reach with explorer Robert Peary?
- 11** Thomas Dorsey is considered the father of what kind of music?
- 12** Maya Angelou became the first woman and first African American to read a poem at a presidential inauguration. Whose inauguration was it?
- 13** Who is known as the Father of Black History?
- 14** Which sport did Jackie Robinson play?
- 15** What is the name of the novel that earned author Alice Walker a Pulitzer Prize?
- 16** Who was the first African-American Supreme Court Justice?
- 17** What was the name of the protests in the South in which black and white people rode together on buses?
- 18** What magazine did John H. Johnson create in 1945?
- 19** Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution made slavery illegal?
- 20** What African-American woman traveled to France to obtain a pilot's license?
- 21** In which year did President Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation?
- 22** What secret escape system did Harriet Tubman use to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom?
- 23** Dr. Charles Drew's breakthrough work on the storage of what helped save lives?
- 24** What part of New York City became a popular place for African-American artists, writers, and musicians in the 1920s?
- 25** Who was the first female bank founder and president in the United States?
- 26** Which great jazz musician was nicknamed Satchmo?
- 27** What was the name of the Supreme Court case that opened all public schools to black students?
- 28** What great award did Ralph Bunche win for helping end the first Arab-Israeli War?
- 29** Where did Marian Anderson perform her famous 1939 concert?
- 30** Who wrote the book Roots?

*Answers*  
 1. Civil Rights Act 2. Shirley Chisholm 3. Tuskegee Armymen 4. Sidney Poitier 5. Montgomery, Alabama 6. Lewis Howard Latimer 7. 1970s 8. Dr. Mae C. Jemison 9. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 10. North Pole 11. gospel 12. Bill Clinton 13. Dr. Carter G. Woodson 14. baseball 15. The Color Purple 16. Thurgood Marshall 17. Freedom Riders 18. Ebony 19. the 13th Amendment 20. Bessie Coleman 21. 1863 22. The Underground Railroad 23. blood 24. Harlem 25. Maggie Lena Walker 26. Louis Armstrong 27. Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka 28. The Nobel Peace Prize 29. Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. 30. Alex Haley