

Section 1

1. What show was a spin-off of *The Cosby Show* and took place on a college campus?

A Different World

2. Julius Bledsoe created the role of Joe in the 1920's musical *Show Boat*. What song did he make famous?

“Ole Man River”

3. Who was the first African American to win an Olympic Gold Medal?

Alice Coachman

4. How many children did Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife Coretta have?

Four

5. In what year did Jim Brown lead professional football in rushing?

1957

6. Who was the first Black Congresswoman from the South?

Barbara Jordan

7. In August 1965, a six-day riot occurred after a conflict between Blacks and Whites in what section of Los Angeles?

Watts

8. What professional baseball player finished his career with 755 home runs, the highest total in major league history?

Henry Aaron

9. What crop first created a demand for slave labor in America?

Tobacco

10. Who was known as the Black Thomas Edison?

Granville T. Woods

11. What was the name of the Society formed in 1817 to transport freeborn Black and emancipated slaves back to Africa?

The American Colonization Society

12. Who was known as the "Queen of the Blues?"

Dinah Washington

13. Carol Moseley-Braun was the first African American woman elected to what political office?

United States Senate

14. Where is Meharry Medical College located?

Nashville, Tennessee

15. What is the name of the first all-Black medical school?

Meharry Medical College

16. What southern state was the last to abolish the slave trade?

Georgia

17. Before his automobile accident, for what team did Roy Campanella play?

Brooklyn Dodgers

18. What Black actor received critical acclaim for his performance in the movie *The Emperor Jones*?

Paul Robeson

19. Who wrote the critically acclaimed play *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf*?

Ntozake Shange

20. In 1869, ex-slave Fannie Jackson Coppin established the Institute for Colored Youth in Pennsylvania. What is the school known as today?

Cheney University

21. Who was elected the first African American mayor of Los Angeles?

Thomas Bradley

22. In 1971, the "Free Angela" movement spread across the U.S. Who was Angela?

Angela Davis

23. In 1862, who piloted an armed Confederate boat out of Charleston Harbor and turned it over to the Union?

Robert Smalls

24. Artist Aaron Douglass' mural *Aspects of Negro Life* is found in what city?

New York City

25. He was the second Black mayor of Washington, D.C. and co-founder of SNCC. Name him.

Marion Barry

26. What was the first major building constructed by Blacks in Boston?

The African Meeting House

27. Where was Bryant Gumbel, the former host of the Today Show, born?

New Orleans, Louisiana

28. Who was Edmonia Lewis?

A sculptor

29. During Reconstruction, what state boasted a Black majority in its legislature?

South Carolina

30. Who said, "Cease to be a drudge, seek to be an artist?"

Mary McLeod Bethune

31. Who was the first Black Admiral in the U.S. Navy?

Samuel L. Gravely

32. Patricia Louise Holt is better known as what famous singer?

Patti LaBelle

33. Name the Black athlete who won the Olympic decathlon in 1960.

Rafer Johnson

34. Who was the first African American director nominated for an Academy Award?

John Singleton

35. Name the former Chairman of the Equal Opportunity Commission who was later appointed a Supreme Court Justice.

Clarence Thomas

36. Willie O'Rhee was the first Black player in the National Hockey League. On what team did he play?

The Boston Bruins

37. Who received a 42-minute ovation when she debuted with the Metropolitan Opera Company?

Leontyne Price

38. Who was the first African American female elected to the U.S. Senate?

Carol Mosley-Braun

39. Where did Martin Luther King, Jr., receive his Ph.D.?

Boston University

40. In what year did segregation end in the U.S. armed services?

1948

41. Who was elected in 1944 as the first Congressperson to represent Harlem?

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., or Adam Clayton Powell

42. What famous Black photographer also directed the movie *Shaft*?

Gordon Parks

43. Who was known as the “Brown Bomber?”

Joe Louis

44. Who was the first Black to sing a leading role with the New York Metropolitan Opera?

Marian Anderson

45. In what year did the Million Man March take place in Washington, D.C.?

1995

46. Who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for Literature in 1992?

Derek Walcott

47. What writer changed his name from Leroi Jones?

Amiri Baraka

48. What is the name of the female comic who was known as "Moms?"

Jackie Mabley

49. In what year did the movie *Roots* first appear on television?

1977

50. Who was the first officer of the NAACP?

W. E. B. DuBois

51. In what state was Langston Hughes born?

Missouri

52. Who founded the singing group The Supremes?

Florence Ballard

53. Eartha Kitt started her dance career with what famous troupe?

The Katherine Dunham Dance Troupe

54. In what year was Clarence Thomas appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court?

1991

55. What popular string instrument was brought to America by slaves in the 17th century?

The banjo

56. Which U.S. President signed the bill that made Martin Luther King, Jr., Day a National holiday?

Ronald Reagan

57. Who played "De Lawd" in the movie *The Green Pasture* in 1936?

Rex Ingram

58. Who was the first African American woman to win four medals at one Olympic game?

Florence Griffith Joyner

59. What famous dancer choreographed the ballet *Revelations*?

Alvin Ailey

60. In what Olympic games did Rafer Johnson win his gold medal?

The 1960 Rome Olympics

61. In 1870, Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first Black person elected to what office?

U.S. Senator

62. Name the Black baseball player who hit more homers in one season than Roger Maris.

Sammy Sosa

63. The movie *Why Do Fools Fall In Love* is about what 1950's singer?

Frankie Lymon

64. Name the gospel singer who performed at John F. Kennedy's 1961 inauguration.

Mahalia Jackson

65. Patricia Roberts Harris was the first Black woman to serve as a U.S. Ambassador. To what European Country was she appointed?

Luxembourg

66. Name the first Black contestant in a Miss America Pageant.

Cheryl Brown

67. Name the first Black member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Joseph L. Searles III

68. Name the first Black member of the National Academy of Sciences.

David H. Blackwell

69. Who was the first African American baseball umpire?

Emmett Ashford

70. Name the musician who recorded the hit song "Georgia On My Mind" in 1959.

Ray Charles

71. Name the Black actor who appeared in the television series *Mission Impossible*.

Greg Morris

72. Who replaced Vanessa Williams as Miss America in 1984?

Suzette Charles

73. What prizefighter won the middleweight title a total of five times during his career?

Sugar Ray Robinson

74. Name the track and field event for which Jackie Joyner-Kersey is most noted.

The Heptathlon

75. Dexter Gordon, the jazz saxophonist, got an Oscar nomination for his performance in what movie?

Round Midnight

76. Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery in what year?

1838

77. Who was the first African American to coach a professional sports team?

Bill Russell

78. Who was the first African American Rhodes scholar?

Alain Locke

79. In what year did the Supreme Court declare, "In the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place?"

1954

80. What company was the largest trading operation in the south?

Franklin and Armfield

81. Who was the first Black woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show on television?

Oprah Winfrey

82. In 1968, Bob Beamon set an Olympic record in what track event?

Long jump

83. What African American doctor attended to President James Garfield after he was shot?

Dr. Charles Purvis

84. In what city and state was the sit-in movement first launched?

Greensboro, North Carolina

85. Who taught American colonists how to inoculate against smallpox?

Onesimus

86. In what year did the U.S. Congress abolish slavery?

1865

87. The play *A Raisin In The Sun* was written by what author?

Lorraine Hansberry

88. Who is called the "Clown Prince of Basketball?"

"Goose" Tatum

89. Baseball Hall of Famer Larry Doby was inducted in what year?

1998

90. Name the type of blood condition that is a genetic disease commonly found among people of African descent.

Sickle Cell Anemia

91. Bobby Seale was a founding member of what activist group?

The Black Panther Party

92. Who was the first Black woman All-American basketball player?

Missouri "Big Mo" Arledge

93. Kurt Schmoke was elected mayor of what city in 1987?

Baltimore

94. Name the singer who made the song "A-Tisket, A-Tasket" famous.

Ella Fitzgerald

95. What actress and comedian was born in 1949 with the name Caryn Johnson?

Whoopi Goldberg

96. Who was the first Black woman to appear on the cover of a mainstream fashion magazine?

Beverly Johnson

97. In 1910, William Monroe Trotter led a protest against a play. Name the play.

The Klansman

98. Name the first African American to play in the Rose Bowl.

Fritz Pollard

99. Name the first Black medical society.

The Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia

100. Name the movement that sought for Blacks to return to the African motherland.

Pan-Africanism

101. What were the people who were against slavery called?

Abolitionists

102. What do we call slave songs that combined religious scripture with African rhythms?

Spirituals

103. What 18th century invention led to the growth of slavery?

The cotton gin

104. Who recorded the song, "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud?"

James Brown

105. Name the first Black television reporter to cover the White House.

Mal Johnson

106. What two famous people star in the motion picture *Beloved*?

Danny Glover and Oprah Winfrey

107. Oscar DePriest, in the twentieth century, became the first African American elected to which branch of government?

The House of Representatives

108. In 1987, Johnetta Cole became the first Black female president of which historically Black college?

Spelman College

109. In 1980, Willie Davenport and Jeff Gadley were the first two Blacks to participate in the Winter Olympics. Name the sport.

Bobsledding

110. Who was the first Black quarterback to play professional football?

Willie Thrower

111. Ed Bradley is a reporter with what acclaimed news show?

“60 Minutes”

112. Who was the first Black woman to captain a commercial airliner?

Jill Brown

113. In what year did the *Cosby Show* premiere on NBC?

1984

114. What is Michael Jordan's nickname?

“Air” Jordan

115. Charles Fuller's play won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1981. Name the play.

A Soldier's Play

116. Who spoke out for Blacks to serve during the Civil War?

Frederick Douglass

117. Name the author who is best known for his mystery novels.

Walter Mosley

118. How long did the Montgomery, Alabama, Bus Boycott last?

One year

119. Name the Black minister who had a white congregation in 1753.

Lemuel Haynes

120. What was the name of the 14-year old boy who was brutally killed for allegedly whistling at a white woman?

Emmitt Till

121. Which U. S. President had a group of advisors known as the Black Cabinet?

Franklin D. Roosevelt

122. Name the record album that made Jimi Hendrix famous.

Are You Experienced

123. Name the first collegiate Black Greek fraternity.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

124. Who was named coach of the Minnesota Vikings in 1992?

Dennis Green

125. What was trumpeter Louis Armstrong's nickname?

“Satchmo”

126. Who founded the anti-slavery newspaper the *North Star*?

Frederick Douglass

127. What was the name of the first all Black ballet company?

The Dance Theater of Harlem

128. Where is the famous Apollo Theater located?

Harlem, New York

129. What is the name of the period of cultural rebirth that took place after World War I in Harlem?

The Harlem Renaissance

130. After Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, assassination, who took over leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference?

Ralph Abernathy

131. What U.S. Supreme Court ruling declares that school segregation is unconstitutional?

Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas

132. What was the title of the comic strip Barbara Brandon reached a national audience with in 1991?

Where I'm Coming From

133. Hattie McDaniel and other Black members of the cast were barred from what 1939 premiere that was for whites only?

Gone with the Wind

134. What could happen to the slaves at their owner's discretion?

They could be bought and sold.

135. What actor was born with the name Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry in 1902?

Stepin Fetchit

136. Former slave Nancy Green was the world's first living trademark holder. By what name and product was she known?

Aunt Jemima (Pancake Mix)

137. Janet Jackson was born in what city?

Gary, Indiana

138. Who was the first Black woman judge in the United States?

Jane M. Bolin

139. Who is Elizabeth Catlett?

An internationally known artist and sculptor

140. Charlotta Spears Bass was the first Black woman to run for vice president of the United States. Which party did she represent?

The Progressive Party

141. Name the doctor who discovered an efficient method for storing blood plasma for use by blood banks.

Dr. Charles Drew

142. What name was given to the elaborate escape system used by slaves?

The Underground Railroad

143. What popular singer-songwriter was born with the name Steveland Morris?

Stevie Wonder

144. Name President Bill Clinton's secretary during his term in office.

Betty Currie

145. What coin pictured the likeness of Booker T. Washington?

The fifty-cent piece

146. What was the song that gave Motown its first million-unit seller?

“Shop Around”

147. With what professional baseball team did Hank Aaron begin his career?

Milwaukee Braves

148. What Confederate leader did Hiram Revels replace when he became the first Black U.S. Senator?

Jefferson Davis

149. What national ski organization is largely comprised of Black members?

The National Brotherhood of Skiers

150. During the Civil War, what Black regiment served a year without pay to protest inequality in pay scales for Black and White soldiers?

The Massachusetts 54th

151. What university was the first educational institution to offer a Black Studies program?

Howard University

152. Mabel Keaton Staupers was the major factor in integrating what profession?

The United States Army Nursing Corp.

153. The Count Bassie Band was the first band to play before what famous person?

The Queen of England

154. Who was arrested for not giving up her seat to a White person thus sparking the historic Montgomery Bus Boycott?

Rosa Parks

155. What civil rights group was founded in New York City in 1909?

NAACP

156. Who founded the first African American Masonic Lodge?

Prince Hall

157. Who was the first African American to win baseball's Most Valuable Player award?

Jackie Robinson

158. In 1955, the Interstate Commerce Commission outlawed segregation in two places. Name one of the places.

Buses and waiting rooms

159. Who was the first African American mayor of Philadelphia?

W. Wilson Goode

160. Which predominantly White university did Patrick Francis Healy become the president of in 1871?

Georgetown University

161. Who invented the folding bed?

L. C. Bailey

162. What instrument did Jimi Hendrix play?

The guitar

163. In 1946, a half-dollar coin was issued to honor what Black American?

Booker T. Washington

164. Who was the Black slave that explored Mexico and discovered Arizona and New Mexico?

Estivanico

165. Who discovered a passage through the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the early 1800's?

James Beckworth

166. George Washington Carver produced ink from what agricultural product?

Peanuts

167. Name the first African American female dentist.

Dr. Ida Gray

168. What internationally known poet read her poem "On The Pulse of Morning" at the inauguration of William Clinton?

Maya Angelou

169. What musical instrument does jazz musician Grover Washington, Jr., play?

Saxophone

170. Who was the youngest prizefighter ever to win the heavyweight championship of the world?

Mike Tyson

171. In 1992, Dominique Dawes and Elizabeth Okino became the first Black athletes to compete in what Olympic sport?

Gymnastics

172. Name the first Black baseball player to hit 62 home runs.

Sammy Sosa

173. Who was the first Black woman to star in a television comedy program?

Ethel Waters

174. Who played the role of the private detective in the 1971 movie *Shaft*?

Richard Roundtree

175. Name Paul Laurence Dunbar's first collection of poetry.

Oak and Ivy

176. In what state was Hiram Rhodes Revels born?

Mississippi

177. Jackie Robinson's middle name was that of a U.S. President. What is his middle name?

Roosevelt

178. Name the book published by Black Arctic explorer Matthew Henson.

The Negro Explorer at the North Pole

179. What landmark church in New York City was founded by Thomas Paul?

The Abyssinian Baptist Church

180. In the 1996 Olympic Games, who became the first athlete to win both the 200-and-400 meter races?

Michael Johnson

181. Name the original members of the Modern Jazz Quartet.

Milt Jackson, John Lewis, Percy Heath, Connie Kay

182. Name the first Black firm on the New York Stock Exchange.

Johnson Products

183. Name Toni Morrison's first two novels.

The Bluest Eye and Sula

184. Who was the first Black graduate of West Point?

Henry Flipper

185. In what year was Negro History Week first celebrated?

1926

186. What is the name of the medical association that was founded by Black doctors in 1895?

The National Medical Association

187. What is the last day of Kwanzaa called?

Imani

188. In 1993, Michael Jackson won eight Grammy Awards for what album?

Thriller

189. Who is the author of the acclaimed work *From Slavery To Freedom*?

John Hope Franklin

190. Crippled as a child, she became the first Black woman to win three Olympic gold medals. Name her.

Wilma Rudolph

191. Name the novel Gloria Naylor wrote that became a television movie starring Oprah Winfrey.

The Women of Brewster Place

192. Who was the first African American mayor of Chicago?

Harold Washington

193. Who was the first Black General in the U S Army?

Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.

194. Who was the first Black Four Star General?

Daniel Chappie James

195. Where did the name Jim Crow come from?

A 19th century minstrel show

196. What act gave slave hunters the right to catch escaped slaves?

The Fugitive Slave Act

197. Who was the first Black to play in the National Hockey League?

Willie O'Rhee

198. Which historically Black college was the first to establish undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools?

Howard University

199. In 1977, what television miniseries had approximately 130 million viewers?

Roots

200. Where was the largest African American base during World War II?

Fort Hauchuca

201. *The Piano Lesson* was one of the award-winning plays written by which Pulitzer Prize winner?

August Wilson

202. African Americans were able to enlist in the United States Navy in what year?

1861

203. What is the oldest historically Black college?

Cheney State College

204. Who directed the movie *Boyz N the Hood*?

John Singleton

205. "I am Somebody" was coined by what civil rights activist?

Jesse Jackson

206. What gold medal is awarded yearly to an African American for the highest achievements in their field?

The Spingarn Medal

207. Who wrote *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*?

Ernest J. Gaines

208. Name the singer who will always be remembered for her version of the song “Stormy Weather.”

Lena Horne

209. Name the first African American woman to achieve the rank of Brigadier General.

Sherian Grace Cadoria

210. Grambling State College is located in what state?

Louisiana

211. What well-known woman founded a company called Harpo Productions in order to create her own projects?

Oprah Winfrey

212. Name the abolitionist who offered her services as a scout & spy for the Union troops during the Civil War.

Harriet Tubman

213. Where is Paine College located?

Atlanta, Georgia

214. The book, *A Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, was written by whom?

Martin Luther King, Jr.

215. Samuel Jones was the first Black pitcher to perform what feat?

Pitch a no-hitter

216. *The Resurrection of Lazarus* was painted by what famous 19th century Black artist?

Henry Ossawa Tanner

217. What famous singer and actress was named special advisor to the U. S. Mission to the United Nations in 1975?

Pearl Bailey

218. Who recorded the hit songs "Ain't That A Shame" and "Bluberry Hill"?

Fats Domino

219. What literary figure came to be called the poet laureate of the Negro race?

Langston Hughes

220. What law forbade slavery northwest of the Ohio River?

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787

221. Who was the first Black woman to receive the NAACP's Spingarn Medal?

Mary Burnett Talbert

222. Who was the first Black golfer to compete in the South African PGA Open?

Lee Elder

223. What does the term "manumission" refer to?

The legal freeing of slaves

224. Who was the founder of the Dance Theater of Harlem?

Arthur Mitchell

225. Who was the first African American to lead the Democratic National Committee?

Ron Brown

226. Name the city where you can see a 10-foot tall bronze statue of Louis Armstrong?

New Orleans

227. Shakespearean actor Ira F. Aldridge is best known for his portrayal of which character?

Othello