Section 1

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

   “Ole Man River”

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

   Alice Coachman

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

   Four

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

   1957

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

   Barbara Jordan

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

   Watts

7. What professional baseball player finished his career with 755 home runs, the highest total in major league history until 2007?

   Henry Aaron

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

   Tobacco

9. Who was known as the Black Thomas Edison?

   Granville T. Woods

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

    The American Colonization Society
11. Who was known as the "Queen of the Blues?"

   **Dinah Washington**

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

   **United States Senator**

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

   **Meharry Medical College**

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

   **Georgia**

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

   **Brooklyn Dodgers**

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

   **Paul Robeson**

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

   **Ntozake Shange**

18. In 1837, ex-slave Fannie Jackson Coppin established the Institute for Colored Youth in Pennsylvania. What is the school named today?

   **Cheyney University**

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

   **Thomas Bradley**

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

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

Robert Smalls

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

New York City

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

Marion Barry

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

The African Meeting House

25. Who was Edmonia Lewis?

A sculptor

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

South Carolina

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

Mary McLeod Bethune

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

Samuel L. Gravely

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

Patti LaBelle

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

Rafer Johnson

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

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

**Clarence Thomas**

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

**The Boston Bruins**

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

**Leontyne Price**

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

**Boston University**

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

**1948**

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

**Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., or Adam Clayton Powell**

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

**Gordon Parks**

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

**Joe Louis**

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

**Marian Anderson**

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

**1995**

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

**Derek Walcott**
43. What writer changed his name from Leroi Jones?

    **Amiri Baraka**

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

    **Jackie Mabley**

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

    **1977**

46. Who was the first officer of the NAACP?

    **W. E. B. DuBois**

47. Who founded the singing group The Supremes?

    **Florence Ballard**

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

    **The Katherine Dunham Dance Troupe**

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

    **1991**

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

    **The banjo**

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

    **Ronald Reagan**

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

    **Rex Ingram**

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

    **Florence Griffith Joyner**
54. What famous dancer choreographed the ballet *Revelations*?

   **Alvin Ailey**

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

   **U.S. Senator**

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

   **Sammy Sosa**

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

   **Frankie Lymon**

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

   **Mahalia Jackson**

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

   **Luxembourg**

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

   **Cheryl Brown**

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

   **Joseph L. Searles III**

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

   **David H. Blackwell**

63. Who was the first African American baseball umpire?

   **Emmett Ashford**

64. Name the musician who recorded the hit song “Georgia On My Mind” in 1959.

   **Ray Charles**
65. Name the Black actor who appeared in the television series *Mission Impossible*.

   **Greg Morris**

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

   **Sugar Ray Robinson**

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

   **Round Midnight**

68. Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery in what year?

   **1838**

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

   **Bill Russell**

70. Who was the first African American Rhodes scholar?

   **Alain Locke**

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

   **1954**

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

   **Oprah Winfrey**

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

   **Long jump**

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

   **Dr. Charles Purvis**

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

   **Greensboro, North Carolina**
76. Who taught American colonists how to inoculate against smallpox?

   **Onesimus**

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

   **1865**

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

   **Lorraine Hansberry**

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

   **"Goose" Tatum**

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

   **1998**

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

   **Sickle Cell Anemia**

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

   **The Black Panther Party**

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

   **Missouri "Big Mo" Arledge**

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

   **Baltimore**

85. Name the singer who made the song “A-Tisket, A-Tasket” famous.

   **Ella Fitzgerald**

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

   **Whoopi Goldberg**
87. Who was the first Black woman to appear on the cover of a mainstream fashion magazine?

   Beverly Johnson

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

   The Klansman

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

   Fritz Pollard

90. Name the first Black medical society.

   The Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia

91. Name the movement that encouraged Blacks to return to the African motherland.

   Pan-Africanism

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

   Abolitionists

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

   Spirituals

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

   The cotton gin

95. Who recorded the song “Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud?”

   James Brown

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

   Mal Johnson

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

   The House of Representatives
98. In 1987, Johnetta Cole became the first Black female president of which historically Black college?

   Spelman College

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

   Bobsledding

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

   Willie Thrower

101. Ed Bradley was a reporter with what acclaimed news show?

   “60 Minutes”

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

   Jill Brown

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

   1984

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

   A Soldier's Play

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

   Frederick Douglass

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

   Walter Mosley

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

   One year

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

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

   **Emmitt Till**

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

   **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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

   **Are You Experienced**

112. Name the first collegiate Black Greek fraternity.

   **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated**

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

   **Dennis Green**

114. What was trumpeter Louis Armstrong's nickname?

   **“Satchmo”**

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

   **Frederick Douglass**

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

   **The Dance Theater of Harlem**

117. Where is the famous Apollo Theater located?

   **Harlem, New York**

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

   **The Harlem Renaissance**

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

   **Ralph Abernathy**
120. What U.S. Supreme Court ruling declares that school segregation is unconstitutional?

   **Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas**

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

   **Where I'm Coming From**

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

   **Gone with the Wind**

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

   **They could be bought and sold.**

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

   **Stepin Fetchit**

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

   **Aunt Jemima (Pancake Mix)**

126. Who is Elizabeth Catlett?

   **An internationally known artist and sculptor**

127. 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**

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

   **Dr. Charles Drew**

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

   **The Underground Railroad**
130. What popular singer-songwriter was born with the name Steveland Morris?

   **Stevie Wonder**

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

   **“Shop Around”**

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

   **Milwaukee Braves**

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

   **Jefferson Davis**

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

   **The National Brotherhood of Skiers**

135. 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**

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

   **Howard University**

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

   **The United States Army Nursing Corp.**

138. The Count Basie Band was the first band to play before what famous person?

   **The Queen of England**

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

   **Rosa Parks**

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

   **NAACP**
141. Who founded the first African American Masonic Lodge?

**Prince Hall**

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

**Jackie Robinson**

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

**Buses and waiting rooms**

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

**W. Wilson Goode**

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

**Georgetown University**

146. Who invented the folding bed?

**L. C. Bailey**

147. What instrument did Jimi Hendrix play?

**The guitar**

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

**Booker T. Washington**

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

**Estevanico**

150. Who discovered a passage through the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the early 1800’s?

**James Beckwourth**

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

**Peanuts**
152. Name the first African American female dentist.

   **Dr. Ida Gray**

153. What internationally known poet read her poem “On The Pulse of Morning” at the inauguration of William Clinton?

   **Maya Angelou**

154. What musical instrument did jazz musician Grover Washington, Jr., play?

   **Saxophone**

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

   **Mike Tyson**

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

   **Gymnastics**

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

   **Ethel Waters**

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

   **Richard Roundtree**

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

   **Oak and Ivy**

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

   **The Negro Explorer at the North Pole**

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

   **The Abyssinian Baptist Church**
162. In the 1996 Olympic Games, who became the first athlete to win both the 200-and-400 meter races?

**Michael Johnson**

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

**Milt Jackson, John Lewis, Percy Heath, Connie Kay**

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

**Johnson Products**

165. Name Toni Morrison’s first two novels.

**The Bluest Eye and Sula**

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

**Henry Flipper**

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

**1926**

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

**The National Medical Association**

169. What is the last day of Kwanzaa called?

**Imani**

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

**Wilma Rudolph**

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

**The Women of Brewster Place**
172. Who was the first African American mayor of Chicago?

Harold Washington

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

Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.

174. Who was the first Black Four Star General?

Daniel Chappie James

175. Where did the name Jim Crow come from?

A 19th century minstrel show

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

The Fugitive Slave Act

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

Willie O’Rhee

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

Howard University

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

Roots

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

Fort Hauchuca

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

August Wilson

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

1861
183. What is the oldest historically Black college?

**Cheyney University**

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

**John Singleton**

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

**Jesse Jackson**

186. What gold medal is awarded yearly to African Americans for the highest achievements in their field?

**The Spingarn Medal**

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

**Ernest J. Gaines**

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

**Lena Horne**

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

**Sherian Grace Cadoria**

190. Grambling State College is located in what state?

**Louisiana**

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

**Oprah Winfrey**

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

**Harriet Tubman**
193. Where is Paine College located?

**Augusta, Georgia**

194. *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* was written by whom?

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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

**Pitch a no-hitter**

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

**Henry Ossawa Tanner**

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

**Pearl Bailey**

198. Who recorded the hit songs “Ain't That A Shame” and “Blueberry Hill?”

**Fats Domino**

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

**Langston Hughes**

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

**The Northwest Ordinance of 1787**

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

**Mary Burnett Talbert**

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

**Lee Elder**

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

**The legal freeing of slaves**
204. Who was the founder of the Dance Theater of Harlem?

Arthur Mitchell

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

Ron Brown

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

New Orleans

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

Othello