

## **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 54<sup>th</sup>**

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 Haachuca**

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**