

## **Section 4**

1. Who developed mathematical formulas that could calculate celestial and weather patterns?

**Benjamin Banneker**

2. Who founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

**Richard Allen**

3. What famous jazz musician is famous for puffing up his cheeks?

**Dizzy Gillespie**

4. Who was the first Black woman to drive a U S Postal stagecoach?

**Mary Fields**

5. Name the first Black to win an elected office in the U. S.

**John Mercer Langston**

6. Booker T. Washington had dinner with what American president?

**President Theodore Roosevelt**

7. Who were the Kansas City Monarchs?

**Members of the Negro Baseball League**

8. What is Hoppin' John?

**Black-eyed peas and rice**

9. What actor & rapper starred in the movie *Men In Black*?

**Will Smith**

10. Representative Maxine Waters represents what state?

**California**

11. What month is Black History celebrated?

**February**

12. "Thrilla in Manila" refers to what sporting event?

**Championship fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali**

13. Name the "Father of Ragtime."

**Scott Joplin**

14. Lew Alcindor, the basketball star, is better known by what name?

**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

15. Who was the first Black undergraduate at the University of Mississippi?

**James Meredith**

16. Who wrote the book *Before the Mayflower*?

**Lerone Bennett**

17. Who was the first African American appointed to a Presidential cabinet?

**Dr. Robert C. Weaver**

18. Name the player from the Negro baseball league who was known as the "Black Babe Ruth."

**Josh Gibson**

19. What does the initial "T" in Booker T. Washington stand for?

**Taliaferro**

20. Name the 1950's jazz club that was named after Charlie Parker.

**Birdland**

21. What is Spike Lee's first name?

**Shelton**

22. Who was Oscar Micheaux?

**Filmmaker**

23. What invention did African American Frederick Jones work on that still helps modern day food preservation?

**Refrigeration equipment**

24. Name the year that the Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law prohibiting marriage between Blacks and Whites.

**1967**

25. Who was the first Black Miss America?

**Vanessa Williams**

26. Name the sculptor who designed the Franklin D. Roosevelt dime.

**Selma Burke**

27. Coleman Hawkins played what musical instrument?

**Saxophone**

28. Name the first African American officer transferred to the regular Navy.

**Ensign John W. Lee**

29. How many gold medals did Wilma Rudolph win at the 1960 Olympic games?

**Three**

30. Name the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

**(1) Unity (2) Self-determination (3) Collective work and  
Responsibility (4) Cooperative economics (5) Purpose (6) Creativity  
(7) Faith**

31. Who wrote the novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*?

**Zora Neale Hurston**

32. Who developed a drug to treat glaucoma, a disease of the eye?

**Dr. Percy Julian**

33. What was jazz musician Charlie Parker's nickname?

**“Bird”**

34. Muhammad Ali defeated George Foreman in what country to win the heavyweight championship?

**Zaire**

35. Name the first president of Liberia

**Joseph Jenkins Roberts**

36. Black architect Paul R. Williams designed a memorial to servicemen killed where?

**Pearl Harbor, Hawaii**

37. In what years did Reverend Jesse Jackson run for President of the United States?

**1984, 1988**

38. Which African nation was founded by African Americans?

**Liberia**

39. Which book earned Toni Morrison a Pulitzer Prize?

***Beloved***

40. Who wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning book of poems *Annie Allen*?

**Gwendolyn Brooks**

41. The Globetrotters were a famous sports team of the 1960's. Name the sport.

**Basketball**

42. President Clinton had two African American Surgeons General. Name them.

**Jocelyn Elders and David Satcher**

43. Name the first African American director of the National Park Service.

**Robert G. Stanton**

44. What national figure coined the phrase "Black Is Beautiful?"

**Malcolm X**

45. In what year was the National Urban League founded?

**1910**

46. Name the singer who was called the "Empress of the Blues."

**Bessie Smith**

47. What month and year was Malcolm X assassinated?

**February 1965**

48. Who bought Beatrice International, a giant food conglomerate?

**Reginald F. Lewis**

49. Who was Betty Shabazz's husband?

**Malcolm X**

50. Jesse Jackson founded the organization named PUSH. What words do the letters represent?

**People United to Serve Humanity**

51. Who played "Chicken George" in the miniseries *Roots*?

**Ben Vereen**

52. Who was the first professional Black golfer to reach one million dollars in earnings?

**Lee Elder**

53. Debi Thomas is known as a champion in what sport?

**Figure skating**

54. What famous Olympic champion was standing at Senator Robert Kennedy's side when he was fatally shot by Sirhan Sirhan?

**Rafer Johnson**

55. Who led the Poor People's March on 1968?

**Ralph Abernathy**

56. Name two out of three of the original members of the singing group the Supremes.

**Diana Ross, Mary Wilson, and Florence Ballard**

57. Leroy Eldridge Cleaver was the author of what autobiography?

***Soul on Ice***

58. Who is the publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine?

**Earl Graves**

59. Who played the role of the heavyweight champ Jack Johnson in the movie *The Great White Hope*?

**James Earl Jones**

60. Who was the first African American NBA basketball general manager?

**Wayne Embry**

61. The first African American priest and bishop in the United States was?

**James Augustine Healy**

62. When is Kwanzaa observed?

**December 26th through January 1st**

63. Who wrote the popular book *Waiting To Exhale*?

**Terry McMillan**

64. How many years did Matthew Henson and his group search for the North Pole?

**18**

65. The abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison published what antislavery newspaper?

***The Liberator***

66. Where is Florida A & M University located?

**Tallahassee, Florida**

67. Before it became Morehouse College, what was this famous school named?

**Atlanta Baptist College**

68. Name the activist who coined the phrase "Black Power."

**Stokely Carmichael**

69. Who was the first Black U.S. Army officer to lead an army division?

**Major General Frederick E. Davidson**

70. Who was the first African American woman candidate for President of the United States in 1972?

**Shirley Chisholm**

71. Phillipa Schuyler, a child prodigy and concert pianist, lost her life while entertaining troops in what war?

**Vietnam War**

72. Morgan and Marvin Smith were award-winning professionals in what occupation?

**Photography**

73. Whom did Jack Johnson defeat to become the first African American boxing champion of the world?

**Tommy Burns**

74. In what state was writer Zora Neale Hurston born?

**Alabama**

75. Opera singer Marian Anderson made her debut in what opera?

***Masked Ball***

76. The play *Lost in the Stars* was based on which Alan Paton novel?

***Cry the Beloved Country***

77. Which state prohibited slavery in 1801?

**New York**

78. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in what city?

**Memphis, Tennessee**

79. In what year did Blacks participate in a national political convention for the first time?

**1843**

80. Name the Harlem Globetrotters theme song.

**“Sweet Georgia Brown”**

81. Who was the first African American Governor elected in Virginia after Reconstruction.

**Douglas Wilder**

82. What popular musician made “Ain't That A Shame” a hit?

**Fats Domino**

83. Name the author who wrote *The Souls of Black Folk*.

**W.E.B. DuBois**

84. Whoopi Goldberg played the wife of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers in what movie?

***Ghosts of Mississippi***

85. Name the author who wrote the mystery *Devil in a Blue Dress*.

**Walter Mosley**

86. Frizzell Gray was born in Baltimore, Maryland. By what name is he better known?

**Kweisi Mfume**



87. Who was the first African American to become the president of a bank?

**Maggie Lena Walker**

88. Who was the first African American to dance with a major classical ballet company?

**Arthur Mitchell**

89. What nickname was given to the great jazz singer Billie Holiday?

**“Lady Day”**

90. *The Learning Tree* was written by which famous African American photographer?

**Gordon Parks**

91. Who said, "No race can prosper until it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem?"

**Booker T. Washington**

92. Who said, "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you?"

**Satchel Paige**

93. Who founded Kwanzaa and in what year?

**Dr. Maulana Karenga, in 1966**

94. Approximately how many African Americans served during World War II?

**One Million**

95. What type of jazz did Dizzy Gillespie perform?

**Bebop**

96. Who was the first Black woman to appear on the cover of *Vogue* magazine?

**Beverly Johnson**

97. Who planned the first slave revolt in U. S. history?

**Gabriel Prosser**

98. Arthur Ashe was the first Black to win what U.S. professional tennis tournament?

**The U. S. Open**

99. Name the first president of the Association of Colored Women.

**Mary Church Terrell**

100. Where was the National Urban League founded?

**New York City**

101. Who was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University?

**W. E. B. DuBois**

102. Name the first Black person to serve as delegate to the United Nations.

**Edith Spurlock Sampson**

103. Who was elected the first Black mayor of a major American city?

**Carl Stokes**

104. What years did Thurgood Marshall serve on the U. S. Supreme Court?

**1967 to 1991**

105. Ron Brown was Secretary of Commerce under what President?

**President Clinton**

106. Name the sculptor of the African American Civil War monument in Washington, D.C.

**Ed Hamilton**

107. The so-called "Rat Pack" had one African American entertainer. Name him.

**Sammy Davis, Jr.**

108. Where is Bennett College located?

**Greensboro, North Carolina**

109. Which African American actor starred in the award-winning television series *I Spy*?

**Bill Cosby**

110. Name the U.S. Secretary of Transportation under President Clinton.

**Rodney E. Slater**

111. President Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock, Arkansas, to integrate what high school?

**Central High School**

112. Who composed the music for the television miniseries *Roots*?

**Quincy Jones**

113. The second Black person appointed to the United States Supreme Court was who?

**Clarence Thomas**

114. Who wrote the novel *Nobody Knows My Name*?

**James Baldwin**

115. Who is known as the “Father of Rhythm and Blues?”

**Louis Jordan**

116. What is the name of Spike Lee's production company?

**Forty Acres and A Mule Filmworks**

117. Who played “Dorothy” in the Broadway musical *The Wiz*?

**Stephanie Mills**

118. What singing group raised the money to build the first building at Fisk University?

**The Fisk Jubilee Singers**

119. Who was the first African American woman to sing with the Metropolitan Opera?

**Leontyne Price**

120. Sidney Poitier won an Oscar for Best Actor in 1963. What was the name of the movie?

***Lilies of The Fields***

121. Who invented the first Railroad Telegraph System?

**Granville T. Woods**

122. Name the minister who organized Operation Breadbasket.

**Reverend Jesse Jackson**

123. Who was the first African American poet laureate?

**Rita Dove**

124. What national television company hired Malvin (Mal) Goode as their first Black network news correspondent?

**ABC**

125. In what state did the last slave ship land?

**Alabama**

126. What were racist laws, passed in the South during the 1890's, called?

**Jim Crow laws**

127. Who was the first Black star of his own television variety show?

**Nat King Cole**

128. After a religious experience, what name did Isabella Baunfree select for herself?

**Sojourner Truth**

129. Why was Julian Bond denied his seat in the Georgia House of Representatives?

**He opposed the Vietnam War**

130. U.S. Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., came from what state?

**Michigan**

131. Who was known as the "Father of the Blues?"

**W. C. Handy**

132. Name the entertainer who introduced the dance craze known as the "Twist."

**Chubby Checker**

133. The Conk refers to the grooming of what part of the body?

**The hair**

134. The first Black School of Nursing was founded at what famous southern college?

**Spelman College**

135. Name the first African American female neurosurgeon in the United States.

**Dr. Alexa Canady**

136. Who wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing?"

**James Weldon Johnson**

137. Benjamin Hooks was executive Director of what African American Organization?

**NAACP**

138. What was the name of the television sitcom starring Redd Foxx and Demond Wilson?

***Sanford and Son***

139. Isaac Murphy was the first person to win this sporting event three times.  
Name the event.

**Kentucky Derby**

140. Who was the first Black female mayor of the District of Columbia?

**Sharon Pratt Kelly**

141. What was the Harlem Globetrotters' original name?

**Savoy Big Five**

142. What words do the letters in C.O.R.E. represent?

**Congress of Racial Equality**

143. What African American author was the first to win a Pulitzer Prize for poetry?

**Gwendolyn Brooks**

144. What year was civil rights leader Medgar Evers murdered?

**1963**

145. Name the first Black child born in America.

**William Tucker**

146. What do Henry Tanner and Edward Bannister have in common?

**Both are painters of Fine Art.**

147. Who was Guion Bluford?

**First African American in space**

148. Who was the first woman to earn a medical degree?

**Elizabeth Blackwell**

149. Who said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress?"

**Frederick Douglass**

150. Name the first Black cabinet member, appointed by President Lyndon Johnson.

**Robert Weaver**

151. Who said, "When I discover who I am I will be free?"

**Ralph Ellison**

152. Name the first Black woman to become a federal judge.

**Constance Baker Motley**

153. Who founded the Children's Defense Fund?

**Marian Wright Edelman**

154. What African American educator was an advisor to five U.S. Presidents?

**Mary McLeod Bethune**

155. Who was the first African American woman to lecture against slavery?

**Maria W. Stewart**

156. What were the Black soldiers who fought Native Americans in the West called?

**Buffalo Soldiers**

157. What famous boxer received a patent on the improvement he made on a monkey wrench?

**Jack Johnson**

158. The Republic of Liberia was founded by free Black slaves in what year?

**1847**

159. The slave ship *Amistad* belonged to what country?

**Spain**

160. Who was the founder of *Mohammed Speaks*, the Muslim newspaper?

**Malcolm X**

161. In what year did Blacks first compete in the Olympic Games?

**1904**

162. What is the name of the route that the slave ships took to the Americas?

**The Middle Passage**

163. What African American singer and actress served in a department of the United Nations?

**Pearl Bailey**

164. Barbara Jordan was elected to Congress from what state?

**Texas**

165. Oscar Robertson was a Hall of fame player in what sport?

**Basketball**

166. What African American architect designed the memorial to the war dead at Pearl Harbor.

**Paul Williams (Also referred to as Paul R. Williams and Paul Revere Williams)**

167. Name the Emmy Award-winning actress who starred in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*.

**Cicely Tyson**

168. Name Hall of Famer Marques Haynes' former basketball team.

**The Harlem Globetrotters**

169. What was Muhammad Ali's name before he converted to Islam?

**Cassius Clay**

170. Who was the founder of C. O. R. E. ?

**James Farmer**

171. Name the actor who played "Bigger Thomas" in the 1941 film *Native Son*.

**Canada Lee**

172. Henry Parks founded a business that successfully sold what food product?

**Parks Sausage**

173. Who co-wrote Malcolm X's autobiography?

**Alex Haley**

174. Name the first person killed during the Boston Massacre.

**Crispus Attucks**



175. Ella Fitzgerald started her singing career by winning an amateur contest in New York City. Name the venue.

**The Apollo Theater**

176. Who was the first African American mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

**Maynard Jackson**

177. When was the first history of Black America written in the U S?

**1841**

178. Who was the first African American vocalist to sing with a white orchestra.

**Lena Horne**

179. Name the graphic designer who was the first African American to design a postal stamp.

**George Olden**