

## Black History Month Quiz Bowl Study Guide

Use books from the library or online research websites to find the answers to the following questions.

1. Who was Mary McCleod Bethune?
2. How long did America practice slavery?
3. Until recent years, who wrote most slave history books?
4. In what year were slaves set free by law?
5. Who was Edward Bouchet?
6. Approximately how many blacks served in the Union Army during the Civil War?
7. Who was the first African American to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
8. What do the initials N.A.A.C.P. stand for?
9. When Alex Haley wrote his bestselling book *Roots*, what was he writing about?
10. Sisters Venus and Serena Williams play what professional sport?
11. Malcolm X, who founded the Organization for Afro-American Unity in 1963, was a leading spokesman for what?
12. Which person is the bestselling American black novelist?
13. Bill Cosby, the father of one of America's favorite television families, was born in what city?
14. General Colin Powell became the first black to serve in what top U.S. government position?
15. Actor and comedian John Sanford changed his professional name to what?
16. Who is the black main character in a play by William Shakespeare?
17. He was a legendary black man who was so strong that he could outwork a steam drill. He died with a hammer in his hand. Who was he?
18. Joel Chandler Harris created this famous "Uncle," who spun tales about animals to entertain a white boy on a plantation. Who was he?
19. William Wells Brown, novelist and dramatist, was the first African American to what?
20. In 1963, Sidney Poitier became the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor. Name the movie for which he received it?

21. In 1960, this NBA Rookie of the Year became the leading team scorer for that year and for the next six years. Who was he?
22. The Spingarn Medal is awarded annually by the N.A.A.C.P. to a black American for what?
23. Benjamin Banneker was an inventor, astronomer, mathematician, and gazetteer. He served on the commission that laid out the plans for which U.S. city?
24. This western fur trader found a northern California mountain pass that was later named for him. Who is he?
25. Shirley Chisolm was the first black woman elected to what?
26. George Washington Carver was a botanist, chemurgist, inventor, and educator. He revolutionized the Southern economy with his extensive experiment in what?
27. Major U.S. city of which Thomas Bradley became the elected mayor in 1973. Name that city.
28. Painter Aaron Douglas became known as what?
29. Noted poet and first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize?
30. This 19<sup>th</sup> century U.S. Army interpreter was killed with General Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn. Who was he?
31. Inventor Henry Blair obtained patents in the 1800s for what?
32. The bestselling, award-winning book, *The Color Purple*, was also a hit movie starring Whoopi Goldberg. The author is who?
33. This lady served as Underground Railroad conductor and spy for the Union Army in the Civil War. Who was she?
34. Black entrepreneur who started his own cookie company. Who was he?
35. From 1973 through 1976, this internationally famous singer won 3 out of 4 of the Grammy Awards for Male Pop Vocalist. Who was he?
36. In 1775, at the Battle of Bunker Hill, British commander Major John Pitcairn was shot and killed by whom?
37. Dr. Dainel Hale Williams is credited with what?
38. This early civil rights leader went on to become a congressman and chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor. What's his name?

39. Booker T. Washington, author of *Up From Slavery*, made his largest contribution in education, politics, or medicine?
40. Sojourner Truth was active as a \_\_\_\_\_?
41. Poet Phyllis Wheatley was \_\_\_\_\_?
42. The Montgomery bus boycott, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brought about the Supreme Court Decision that declared what?
43. She became the first African American to win an Olympic gold medal at the Winter Games (Salt Lake City, 2002). Who was she?
44. After leading the most significant slave revolt in U.S. history, Nat Turner was \_\_\_\_\_?
45. Paul Robeson was not only an actor and concert musician, He also \_\_\_\_\_?
46. Former nurse Ruth Carol Taylor became the first African American female to \_\_\_\_\_?
47. The first African American female \_\_\_\_\_ was Dr. Mae Jemison.
48. Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was the first black major league baseball player. True or false ?
49. Vanessa Williams was the first black \_\_\_\_\_?
50. Who was the first black boxer to hold the heavyweight championship longer than a decade?
51. Cuban blacks first performed the rumba as a rural dance to symbolize \_\_\_\_\_?
52. African sailor who helped Christopher Columbus navigate the *Niña* ship and was the first black to land in the New World. Who was he?
53. The first black to be elected to the Hall of Fame for great Americans was \_\_\_\_\_?
54. Black explorer Matthew Henson discovered the \_\_\_\_\_?
55. Isabella Baumfree was the real name of \_\_\_\_\_?
56. Debi Thomas was \_\_\_\_\_?
57. Gregory Hines is a \_\_\_\_\_?
58. In 1883, a town was incorporated for blacks in \_\_\_\_\_?
59. Althea Gibson was a famous black \_\_\_\_\_?
60. Joseph Searles was the first black man to get a seat \_\_\_\_\_?
61. The first U.S. postage stamp to honor a black American was of \_\_\_\_\_?
62. The first organization to come out openly against slavery was \_\_\_\_\_?
63. In 1619, the first blacks in America arrived in \_\_\_\_\_?

64. Dr. Samuel Nabrit was the first black appointed to this U. S. commission \_\_\_\_\_?
65. Dr. Percy Julian's extensive contributions were made in the area of \_\_\_\_\_?
66. In 1962, Martin de Porres was the first black from the Americas to be made \_\_\_\_\_?
67. Marcus Garvey advocated "back to \_\_\_\_\_"
68. In 1968, Rev. Channing Phillips became the first black to ever be nominated for \_\_\_\_\_?
69. Frederick Douglass was nominated as a presidential candidate in what year?
70. Black policeman William West once arrested whom?
71. Thomy Lafon, born in poverty, became the first black philanthropist in America. What is a philanthropist?
72. The black music group Parliament played what type of music?
73. Jesse Owens won this many gold medals in the 1936 Olympics?
74. In 1867, Howard University was founded in which major U.S. city?
75. Wilma Rudolph did not learn to walk until she was eight years old. At age 20, she was called \_\_\_\_\_?
76. Susie King Taylor, served with the First Regiment of the South Carolina Volunteers (the first black unit to fight in the Civil War, as a \_\_\_\_\_?)
77. *La Tribune*, the first black *daily* newspaper in the U.S., was published in what US city?
78. "Lift every voice and sing" is the title and first line of \_\_\_\_\_?
79. The word *Negro* comes from what language?
80. In 1848, William Alexander Leidesdorff became the first black American \_\_\_\_\_?
81. Dr. Charles Hale established \_\_\_\_\_?
82. Amos Fortune founded \_\_\_\_\_?
83. Which black female singer is known as the "Queen of Soul"?
84. The first major public library to feature a collection of black studies, books, and materials was in what US city?
85. The phrase *Jim Crow* refers to what?
86. The term "the real McCoy" was originated by black businessman Elijah McCoy. True or false

87. Oliver Lewis was a black \_\_\_\_\_?
88. Once an illiterate slave, James W. C. Pennington wrote \_\_\_\_\_?
89. Walter Jackson was the first black to do this \_\_\_\_\_?
90. The city that Jean Baptiste Point de Sable founded was \_\_\_\_\_?
91. Dr. John Rock coined the term \_\_\_\_\_?
92. Slavery existed in Africa. True or false
93. Andrew Young was the first black U.S. ambassador to \_\_\_\_\_?
94. In 2002, this black athlete became the youngest golfer to win 8 PGA major titles. Who was he?
95. *Brown v. Board of Education*, which ended segregation in public schools, is associated with what Kansas town?
96. What was the year of the “March on Washington”?
97. Who was the leader of a new goal to use the term “African Americans” instead of “blacks”?
98. Which state was the first to legally abolish slavery?
99. Six year-old named \_\_\_\_\_ became the first black child to desegregate a white school in America.
100. Black History Month was created by a black historian named \_\_\_\_\_?