

Black History Quiz Bowl Study Guide, Round One (Grades 3-5, 6-8)

1. On April 15<sup>th</sup> 1947, he became the first African American to play major league baseball.
  - a. **Jackie Robinson**
2. Ralph Bunche was the first African American recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. Where was he born?
  - a. **Detroit, Michigan**
3. She was the first Black woman elected into Congress in 1968, serving seven terms from 1969 to 1983.
  - a. **Shirley Chisholm**
4. Most famously known for his role as the Black Panther, he also starred as famous icons in biographical films about James Brown, Jackie Robinson, and Thurgood Marshall.
  - a. **Chadwick Boseman**
5. She became the first Black multimillionaire as she flourished in her career as an actress, philanthropist, and daytime TV talk show host.
  - a. **Oprah Winfrey**
6. This actress, who currently stars as Rainbow Johnson in the TV series *Black-ish*, is also the daughter of a famous Motown Records singer.
  - a. **Tracee Ellis Ross**
7. Raised in Detroit, MI, this visually impaired artist signed to Motown Records at the tender age of 12 in 1962 when he thrilled record executives with his harmonica playing skills.
  - a. **Stevie Wonder**
8. The critically acclaimed film *The Great Debaters* (2007), starring Denzel Washington, was centered around this HBCU (historically Black college/university).
  - a. **Wiley College**
9. With the assistance of a loan from his older sister, Berry Gordy founded this prominent record company in 1959 in Detroit, Michigan, which eventually moved to Los Angeles, California in the 1970s.
  - a. **Motown Records**
10. He was the first African American to perform the first successful open-heart surgery in 1893.
  - a. **Daniel Hale Williams**
11. He founded the city of Chicago, Illinois in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.
  - a. **Jean Baptiste Point du Sable**
12. Which war were the Tuskegee Airmen involved in as the first flying squadron for African American fighter pilots?
  - a. **World War II**
13. This set of laws, dating as early as Reconstruction in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, allowed segregation to be legal in the South.
  - a. **Jim Crow**
14. She contracted polio as a child, but that did not stop her from winning 3 gold medals in track events at the 1960 Olympics.
  - a. **Wilma Rudolph**
15. Frederick Douglass, famed abolitionist and writer, was born into slavery in which state?
  - a. **Maryland**

16. Born on November 9, 1731, he is credited for assisting with surveying the borders of the land that is currently known as our nation's capital, the District of Columbia.
  - a. **Benjamin Banneker**
17. After winning two Grammys alongside his musical partner DJ "Jazzy" Jeff, he began his acting career in 1990 starring in the hit sitcom *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.
  - a. **Will Smith**
18. Established on October 3, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia, it is credited as the first radio station owned and programmed by African Americans.
  - a. **WERD**
19. Where was the Black Panther Party founded?
  - a. **Oakland, California**
20. Originally from Harlem, New York, the West Coast rap artist was also an accomplished actor, starring in predominantly Black-casted films including *Poetic Justice* and *Juice*.
  - a. **Tupac Shakur (2Pac)**
21. Born Yvette Marie Stevens, this famed vocalist known as the Queen of Funk was a very active member of the Chicago chapter of the Black Panther Party when she was as young as 14 years old.
  - a. **Chaka Khan**
22. Beginning his career as a cast member of Nickelodeon's *All That* in the late 1990s, he has hosted many variety shows on several different networks including *America's Got Talent* and *Wild 'N Out*.
  - a. **Nick Cannon**
23. As a former player on the Boston Celtics, he holds the player record for most NBA championships won, with 11 in total.
  - a. **Bill Russell**
24. Founded in 1837 in Pennsylvania, it is the oldest historically black college in the United States of America.
  - a. **Cheyney University**
25. After arguing *Brown vs. Board of Education* in 1954 before the United States Supreme Court, he was the first African American to serve as a Justice in that same court in 1967.
  - a. **Thurgood Marshall**