

Black History Quiz

Some of the questions listed below may be challenging, but the quiz deals with names, events and books that should be second knowledge to students and sojourners. Give yourself 2 points for each correct answer from 1 to 30, and 1 for each answer 31 to 34. If you score less than 70, you are, according to Black history partisans, culturally deprived, and should run to the nearest library and check out a book on Black history. It's okay to share this with a colleague, friend or family member, even people of other ethnic backgrounds.

1. **The following sentence is correct: (2-points)**
 - a. Carter G. Woodson organized the first Black History Month celebration in February 1926.
 - b. Carter G. Woodson organized the first Negro History Month celebration in February 1926.
 - c. Carter G. Woodson organized the first Negro History Week celebration in February 1926.

2. **"Life Ev'ry Voice and Sing" was written by (2-points)**
 - a. Langston Hughes
 - b. James Weldon Johnson
 - c. James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson

3. **"The 'A' Train" was written by (2-points)**
 - a. Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington
 - b. Count Basie
 - c. Billy Strayhorn

4. **The first Black governor of an American state was (2-points)**
 - a. L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia
 - b. P.B.S. Pinchback of Louisiana
 - c. Tom Bradley of California

5. **The first Black to serve a full term as a U.S. senator was (2-points)**
 - a. Blanche Kelso Bruce of Mississippi
 - b. Hiram Revels of Mississippi
 - c. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts

6. **The first Black elected to the U.S. House of Representatives was (2-points)**
 - a. John Menard
 - b. Joseph H. Rainey
 - c. Oscar DePriest

7. **The first winner of the Kentucky Derby was (2-points)**
 - a. Oliver Lewis
 - b. Isaac Murphy
 - c. Reginald Laury

8. **Of the 14 jockeys in the first Kentucky Derby, (2-points)**
 - a. 2 were black
 - b. 8 were black
 - c. 13 were black

9. **The founder of Chicago was (2-points)**
 - a. Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable
 - b. Captain Meriweather Lewis
 - c. Estevanico

10. **Of the 44 founders of Los Angeles, (2-points)**
 - a. 1 was Black or descendant of Blacks
 - b. 10 were Black or descendant of Blacks
 - c. 26 were Black or descendant of Blacks

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11. **The first African-American member of the cabinet of a U.S. president was (2-points)**
 - a. Colin Powell
 - b. Robert C. Weaver
 - c. William T. Coleman
12. **The first African-American woman in the cabinet of a U.S. president was (2-points)**
 - a. Anna Arnold
 - b. Patricia Harris
 - c. Barbara Brown
13. **"Respect" was written by (2-points)**
 - a. Aretha Franklin
 - b. Holland-Dozier-Holland
 - c. Otis Redding
14. **The first Black mayor of a major American city was (2-points)**
 - a. Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, IN
 - b. Carl B Stokes of Cleveland, OH
 - c. Maynard Jackson of Atlanta, GA
15. **The first Black woman in Congress was (2-points)**
 - a. Crystal Bird Fauset
 - b. Shirley Chisholm
 - c. Charlotte E. Ray
16. **Taharka was (2-points)**
 - a. a rap star
 - b. an actor
 - c. a Pharaoh
17. **The first Black to host a network TV show was (2-points)**
 - a. Hattie McDaniel
 - b. Nat King Cole
 - c. Bill Cosby
18. **The first Black in Major League Baseball was (2-points)**
 - a. Larry Doby
 - b. Moses Fleetwood Walker
 - c. Jackie Robinson
19. **The first Black in the professional football in the modern era was (2-points)**
 - a. Woody Strode
 - b. Kenny Washington
 - c. Marion Motley
20. **The first Black in the NBA was (2-points)**
 - a. Nat (Sweetwater) Clifton
 - b. Charles (Chuck) Cooper
 - c. Earl Lloyd
21. **The first Black bishop was (2-points)**
 - a. Richard Allen
 - b. James Varick
 - c. Daniel Coker

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22. **The first Black bishop of a predominantly White denomination was (2-points)**
 - a. Richard Allen
 - b. James Varick
 - c. James A. Healy
23. **The first Black woman bishop was (2-points)**
 - a. Leontine T.C. Kelly
 - b. Barbara Harris
 - c. Vashti McKenzie
24. **The first Black general in the regular army was (2-points)**
 - a. B.O. Davis Sr.
 - b. B.O. Davis Jr.
 - c. Chappie James
25. **The first Black to win a Pulitzer Prize was (2-points)**
 - a. Moneta Sleet Jr.
 - b. Gwendolyn Brooks
 - c. Lorraine Hansberry
26. **The first African-American to win a Nobel Prize was (2-points)**
 - a. Ralph Bunche
 - b. Toni Morrison
 - c. Martin Luther King, Jr.
27. **The first Black newspaper was (2-points)**
 - a. Freedom's Journal
 - b. The Atlanta Daily World
 - c. The New Orleans Tribune
28. **The three-way automatic stop sign was invented by (2-points)**
 - a. Jan E. Matzeliger
 - b. Garrett A. Morgan
 - c. Elijah McCoy
29. **Nefertari was (2-points)**
 - a. an Egyptian Queen
 - b. a fashion designer
 - c. a soul singer
30. **Identify the stars below who have received Oscars for best actress or best actor of the year (2-points each)**
 - a. Samuel L. Jackson
 - b. Halle Berry
 - c. Harry Belafonte
 - d. Sidney Poitier
 - e. Diana Ross
 - f. James Earl Jones
 - g. Denzel Washington
 - h. Cicely Tyson

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31. **Connect the (letter of the) historian in the left column with the (number of the) title in the right column. (1-point for each correct answer)**

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| a. Carter G. Woodson | 1. The Negro In Our History |
| b. W.E.B. DuBois | 2. From Slavery to Freedom |
| c. John Hope Franklin | 3. History of the Negro Race in America |
| d. George Washington Williams | 4. The Negro in the Making of America |
| e. Eileen Southern | 5. Before the Mayflower |
| f. Lerone Bennett Jr. | 6. When and Where I Enter |
| g. Darlene Clark Hine | 7. Black Women in America |
| h. Paula Giddings | 8. Standing at Armageddon |
| i. Benjamin Quarles | 9. The Music of Black Americans |
| j. Nell Irvin Painter | 10. The Souls of Black Folks |

32. **Connect the (letter of the) leader in the left column with (the number) of the organization or institution he or she led. (1-point for each correct answer)**

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| a. Carter G. Woodson | 1. Association for the Study of African-American Life and History |
| b. Harriet Tubman | 2. Southern Christian Leadership Conference |
| c. Martin Luther King Jr. | 3. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee |
| d. Mary McLeod Bethune | 4. Nation of Islam |
| e. John Lewis | 5. National Urban League |
| f. Malcolm X | 6. National Council of Negro Women |
| g. Whitney Young | 7. Organization of Afro-American Unity |
| h. Elijah Muhammad | 8. NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund |
| i. Thurgood Marshall | 9. Negro Fellowship League |
| j. Ida B. Wells | 10. Underground Railroad |

33. **Connect the event on the left with a date on the right. (1-point for each correct answer)**

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| a. The first March on Washington movement | 1. April 12, 1787 |
| b. The arrival of the first Blacks at Jamestown, Va. | 2. August 1619 |
| c. The founding of the Free African Society, the first or one of the first African-American institutions | 3. August 21 - 23, 1831 |
| d. Opening of the first national African-American convention | 4. December 18, 1865 |
| e. Nat Turner's slave revolt | 5. September 20, 1830 |
| f. Ratification of the 13th Amendment ending slavery | 6. May 17, 1954 |
| g. Violent overthrow of Reconstruction governments, leading to the Compromise of 1877 | 7. December 5, 1955 |
| h. Brown v. Board of Education decision | 8. August 28, 1963 |
| i. First day of Montgomery Bus Boycott | 9. 1876 - 77 |
| j. March on Washington | 10. 1941 |