

## **Black Achievement in American History**

### **Blackline Master 1A Quiz**

#### **Program One: Settling the New World and Founding the United States of America**

#### **Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Black slaves first arrived at which English colony?
  - a. Plymouth Plantation
  - b. Georgia
  - c. Jamestown
  - d. New York
  
2. White planters depended heavily on the knowledge and skills of slaves in growing rice, raising cattle, and building irrigation canals.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. The first black slaves arrived in North America in 1705.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
4. At the beginning of the 16th century European countries believed they had the right to enslave non-Christian families and soldiers captured in wars.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. Slavery ended in the United States in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 1705
  - b. 1776
  - c. 1820
  - d. 1865
  
6. The first slave codes were in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Maryland
  - b. Carolina
  - c. Massachusetts
  - d. Virginia
  - e. All of the above
  
7. Samuel Fraunces was a famous restaurant owner in New York City
  - a. True

- b. False
8. Samuel Fraunces served as President George Washington's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Secretary of State
  - b. Steward
  - c. Secretary of the Treasury
  - d. None of the above
9. The first person to die in the Revolutionary War was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Samuel Fraunces
  - b. Nathan Hale
  - c. Crispus Attucks
  - d. Lemuel Haynes
10. Black militiamen fought at which famous Revolutionary War battle?
- a. Lexington Concord
  - b. Bunker Hill
  - c. The Battle of Monmouth
  - d. All of the above

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**Blackline Master 2A Quiz**  
**Program Two: Emergence of the Black Hero**

**Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Chicago was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Jean Baptiste DuSable
  - b. William Penn
  - c. Peter Minuit
  - d. Felipe de Neve
2. During the American Revolutionary War Jean DuSable's pro British views got him trouble with the American colonists.
- a. True
  - b. False
3. Lemuel Haynes wrote the poem "The Battle of Lexington," to emphasize the intellectual conflict between enslavement and America's fight for freedom.

- a. True
  - a. False
4. Benjamin Banneker was a member of the planning commission for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. New York City
  - b. Philadelphia
  - c. Washington, D.C.
  - d. Atlanta
5. Benjamin Banneker was the first black \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Plantation owner
  - b. Explorer
  - c. Minuteman
  - d. Scientist
6. The African Grove Theatre was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Lemuel Haynes and James Beckwourth
  - b. Ira Aldridge
  - c. James Hewlett and William Henry Brown
  - d. Thomas Jefferson and Sojourner Truth
7. America's first great black actor was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ira Aldridge
  - b. Lemuel Haynes
  - c. James Beckwourth
  - d. Harriet Tubman
8. America's most famous black mountain man was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ira Aldridge
  - b. James Beckwourth
  - c. Denmark Vesey
  - d. Benjamin Banneker
9. "The Autobiography of James Beckwourth" tells the story of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The African Grove Theatre
  - b. Life in the Rocky Mountains as a mountain man
  - c. The Underground Railroad
  - d. None of the above
10. Denmark Vesey planned a slave revolt for \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Atlanta, Georgia
- b. Richmond, Virginia
- c. New York, New York
- d. Charleston, South Carolina

11. "The Confessions of Nat Turner" tells the story of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. The Great Awakening
- b. The founding of Chicago
- c. A slave revolt in Virginia
- d. None of the above

12. The Underground Railroad was organized by northern abolitionists to help slave escape into northern free states and Canada.

- a. True
- b. False

13. The most famous conductor on the Underground Railway was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Lemuel Haynes
- b. Harriet Tubman
- c. James Beckwourth
- d. Denmark Vesey

14. A typical route of the underground railroad would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Maryland to Delaware to Pennsylvania to New York to Canada
- b. Georgia to Arkansas to Texas to Mexico
- c. Florida to Cuba to England
- d. All of the above

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### **Blackline Master 3A Quiz**

#### **Three: The Fight for Freedom**

#### **Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Sojourner Truth as was a powerful voice for enslavement.

- a. True
- b. False

2. Sojourner Truth gave which speech at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio?

- a. 'I'm Proud to be a Slave'
  - b. 'Black is Beautiful'
  - c. 'Ain't I a Woman'
  - d. 'I Have a Dream'
3. The first black University was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Howard University
  - b. Harvard University
  - c. Oberlin University
  - d. Lincoln University
4. By 1900 there were \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Thirty-four black colleges with more than 2200 graduates
  - b. 4 black colleges with 200 graduates
  - c. 200 black colleges with 50,000 graduates
  - d. No black colleges and no graduates
5. "My Bondage and My Freedom" was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Sojourner Truth
  - b. Frederick Douglass
  - c. Dred Scott
  - d. None of the above
6. "My Bondage and My Freedom" would be echoed in future generations by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. James Baldwin
  - b. Malcolm X
  - c. Alice Walker
  - d. Toni Morrison
  - e. All of the above
7. The Dred Scott decision gave blacks citizenship on the United States.
- a. True
  - b. False
8. The Dred Scott decision led to the Civil War.
- a. True
  - b. False
9. After the Supreme Court decided the Dred Scott case, Dred Scott \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Escaped to the north

- b. Died a slave
  - c. Was freed by his masters
  - d. None of the above
10. The Emancipation Proclamation freed all the slaves.
- a. True
  - b. False
11. The Emancipation Proclamation was written by \_\_\_\_\_
- a. William Lloyd Garrison
  - d. Frederick Douglass
  - c. Abraham Lincoln
  - d. Sojourner Truth
12. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued after the North won \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The Battle of Gettysburg
  - b. The Battle of Bull Run
  - c. The Battle of Antietam
  - d. None of the above
13. The 1989 Hollywood movie 'Glory' told the story of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The Battle of Fort Wagner
  - b. The Battle of Gettysburg
  - c. The Battle of Shiloh
  - d. The Battle of Bull Run
14. Blacks were not allowed to serve in the Union army.
- a. True
  - b. False
15. The first black soldier to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Frederick Douglass
  - b. Dred Scott
  - c. Thurgood Marshall
  - d. William Carney
16. The Constitution, and the Bill of Rights which followed, guaranteed civil rights only for whites.
- a. True
  - b. False

17. The Constitution counted blacks as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. 1/4 of a person
- b. 1/3rd of a person
- c. 3/5ths of a person
- d. 1/2 of a person

18. The 15th Amendment guaranteed the right to vote would not be denied to any citizen on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

- a. True
- b. False

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**Blackline Master 4A Quiz**  
**Program Four: Blacks Enter the Gilded Age**

**Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Robert Smalls was elected to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. The U.S. House of Representatives
- b. The U.S. Supreme Court
- c. The U.S. Senate
- d. All of the above

2. When Federal troops pulled out of the south in 1877, blacks continued in power.

- a. True
- b. False

3. Bass Reeves was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Cowboy
- b. Gunslinger
- c. Marshall
- d. All of the above

4. How many blacks were cowboys?

- a. 5,000
- b. 6,000
- c. 7,000
- d. 8,000
- e. None of the above

5. George McJunkin made one of the most startling discoveries in all of archaeology when he found a spear point in Folsom, New Mexico.
- True
  - False
6. Tuskegee Institute was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hiram Revels
  - George McJunkin
  - Nat Love
  - Booker T. Washington
7. Nat Love's nickname was Deadwood Dick.
- True
  - False
8. T. Thomas Fortune founded the newspaper \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Washington Post
  - The Advocate
  - The Liberator
  - The New York Globe
9. The U.S. Patent Office never asked for the inventor's race.
- True
  - False
10. Granville T. Woods invented \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph
  - The electric light bulb
  - The roller coaster
  - All of the above
11. After Reconstruction ended in 1876, more than 4700 black men, women and children were lynched
- True
  - False
12. The story of lynching was told by \_\_\_\_\_.
- T Thomas Fortune
  - Homer Plessey
  - Booker T. Washington

d. Ida B. Wells-Barnett

13. The U.S. Supreme Court denied the right of segregation in Plessey v. Ferguson.

a. True

b. False

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### **Blackline Master 5A Quiz**

#### **Program Five: The Foundation for Equality**

#### **Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Which new style of music did Ma Rainey make popular in the United States?

a. Ragtime

b. Gospel

c. The Blues

d. All of the above

2. Scott Joplin's best known works were 'The Entertainer' and 'The Maple Leaf Rag'.

a. True

b. False

3. Matthew Henson discovered \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The headwaters of the Nile

c. The South Pole

c. The Grand Canyon

d. The North Pole

4. Matthew Henson and Robert Peary almost did not receive credit for reaching the pole first when Dr. Frederick A. Cook claimed that he reached the Pole ahead of them.

a. True

b. False

5. The NAACP was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Ida B. Wells-Barnett

b. T. Thomas Fortune

c. W.E.B. DuBois

d. Satchel Paige

6. George Washington Carver discovered hundreds of useful products from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lima bean
  - Peanut
  - Soybean
  - None of the above
7. George Washington Carver was the first scientist to advocate for sustainable technologies for a sustainable future.
- True
  - False
8. The Harlem Renaissance was led by \_\_\_\_\_.
- W.E.B. DuBois
  - Alain Locke
  - Satchel Paige
  - All of the above
9. The Harlem Renaissance showcased black \_\_\_\_\_.
- Writers
  - Artists
  - Musicians
  - All of the above
10. Rube Foster founded the Negro National League in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1910
  - 1914
  - 1920
  - 1918
11. Who helped break the color barrier pitching for the Cleveland Indians?
- Bill Veeck
  - Alain Locke
  - Satchel Paige
  - W.E.B. DuBois

**Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Mary McLeod Bethune founded the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. NAACP
  - b. Southern Leadership Council
  - c. Bethune Cookman College
  - d. National Council of Negro Women
  
2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802 ordered a non-discrimination clause be placed in all defense contracts.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 1928 Olympics
  - b. Pan American Games
  - c. 1936 Olympics
  - d. 1940 Olympics
  
4. Max Schmelling beat Joe Louis to win the World Heavyweight boxing title in 1938.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 1947
  - b. 1948
  - c. 1936
  - d. 1950
  
6. In the early days of movie-making, blacks usually played caricatures of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Whites
  - b. Indians
  - c. Blacks
  - d. All of the above
  
7. Hattie McDaniel won An Oscar for her role as Mammy in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *Gas Light*
  - b. *The Souls of Black Folk*
  - c. *A Raisin in the Sun*

d. *Gone With the Wind*

8. Since the Civil War, blacks have been in continuous service to the United States, defending the nation.

- a. True
- b. False

9. The most celebrated black veterans of WWII were the fighter pilot units, known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. The Red Ball Express
- b. The Tuskegee Airmen
- c. The Buffalo Soldiers
- d. None of the above

10. The first black general in the Armed Forces was\_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Jesse Owens
- b. Duke Ellington
- c. Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr.
- d. Colin Powell

11. Duke Ellington had perfected his jazz style called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Swing
- b. Blues
- c. Hip-hop
- d. Bee-bop

12. Duke Ellington became famous by performing at the Cotton Club in Harlem.

- a. True
- b. False

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### **Blackline Master 7A Quiz**

#### **Program Seven: Civil Rights**

#### **Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. The first black to win the Nobel Peace Prize was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Martin Luther King
- b. Ralph Bunche
- c. Mary McLeod Bethune

- d. George Washington Carver
2. While at the UN, Ralph Bunche negotiated an armistice between \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Israel and its Arab neighbors
  - c. North Vietnam and France
  - c. Red China and Taiwan
  - d. The Soviet Union and East Germany
3. Gwendolyn Brooks won a Pulitzer prize for 'A Raisin in the Sun.'
- a. True
  - b. False
4. The 14th Amendment guaranteed blacks \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The right to vote
  - b. The right to hold elective office
  - c. All the rights and privileges of citizens under the Constitution
  - d. All of the above
5. President Harry Truman desegregated the armed forces in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 1950
  - b. 1945
  - c. 1952
  - d. 1948
6. The lawyer arguing for Brown in Brown v. Board of Education was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ralph Bunche
  - b. Martin Luther King
  - c. Thurgood Marshall
  - d. Mary McLeod Bethune
7. In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court decided in Brown v. Board of Education that "Separate educational facilities are inherently equal."
- a. True
  - b. False
8. The first black woman to break the tennis color barrier was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Althea Gibson
  - b. Angela Mortimer
  - c. Venus Williams
  - d. Wilma Rudolph

9. Rosa Parks made history when she \_\_\_\_\_.
- Was the first black woman to win at Wimbledon
  - Won three gold medals at the 1960 Olympics
  - Won the Pulitzer prize for poetry
  - Refused to give up her seat in the front of a Montgomery, Alabama city bus to a white passenger
10. President Eisenhower ordered Federal troops to which city to protect black students and enforce desegregation of the schools?
- Montgomery, Alabama
  - Little Rock, Arkansas
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Atlanta, Georgia
11. The Montgomery bus strike started the career of which civil rights leader?
- Martin Luther King Jr.
  - Thurgood Marshall
  - Muhammad Ali
  - Ralph Bunche
12. Lorraine Hansberry's play, 'A Raisin in the Sun,' was the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway.
- True
  - False
13. The beginning of the Civil Rights movement was noted for which nonviolent protest?
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott
  - Lunch counter sit-ins by black students
  - Freedom rides
  - All of the above
14. The 'I Have a Dream' speech was given by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Thurgood Marshall
  - Ralph Bunche
  - Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - Althea Gibson

**Blackline Master 8A Quiz**  
**Program Eight: A New Age**

**Circle the Correct Answer(s)**

1. Muhammad Ali won the heavyweight title in 1964 when he beat \_\_\_\_\_-.
  - a. Sonny Liston
  - b. Sugar Ray Robinson
  - c. George Foreman
  - d. Joe Frazier
  
2. Muhammad Ali dropped his original name, Cassius Marcellus Clay because it was a slave name.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
3. Muhammad Ali refused to be drafted into the army because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The army was segregated
  - b. He would not be allowed to box
  - c. Of his religion.
  - d. None of the above
  
4. In the 1960's the Muslim religion empowered many black males in an otherwise female dominated society and gave rise to the theme of Black Power.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. The first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Clarence Thomas
  - b. Martin Luther King Jr.
  - c. Colin Powell
  - d. Neil deGrasse Tyson
  - e. Thurgood Marshall
  
6. Marshall sought legal solutions that provided equal rights and opportunities for all Americans based on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Black Power
  - b. Integration
  - c. Non violence
  - d. None of the above

7. Black Entertainment Television was started by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Alex Haley
  - b. Muhammad Ali
  - c. Oprah Winfrey
  - d. Robert L. Johnson
8. The dramatic event that changed the relationship between whites, blacks and television was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 'The Jack Benny Show'
  - b. 'I Spy'
  - c. 'Roots: The Saga of An American Family,'
  - d. The founding of Black Entertainment Television
9. Alex Haley wrote \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 'Star Trek'
  - b. 'I Spy'
  - c. 'Roots: The Saga of an American Family'
  - d. All of the above
10. Colin Powell was appointed the first black Secretary of State for the United States of America.
- a. True
  - b. False
11. Colin Powell was appointed head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ronald Reagan
  - b. George Herbert Walker Bush
  - c. George W. Bush
  - d. Bill Clinton
12. Neil deGrasse Tyson is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. A heavyweight boxing champion
  - b. The Secretary of State
  - c. A Nobel Peace Prize winner
  - d. An Astrophysicist