

Study Guide

Southern University Ag Center and College of Agricultural,
Family and Consumer Sciences

Elementary School Black History Quiz Bowl Championship

Southern University T.T. Allain Building

Monday, February 26, 2024

9 AM-12 Noon

Registration Deadline: Friday, Feb. 22, 2024

Teams (4 members plus one alternate)

Email Team Rosters to

owusu.bandele@gmail.com 225 284 0063

Note: This guide includes questions and answers from previous quiz bowls with some updates. Questions will be reworded this year. Recent current events questions will also be added. Questions with asterisks (****) are two-part questions.

SET 1

1. Name one African American quarterback who led his team to a Super Bowl victory. Patrick Mahomes, Doug Williams, Russell Wilson
2. ***What college did Doug Williams attend, and who was his famous coach? Grambling State University; Eddie Robinson
3. Why was Muhammad Ali stripped of this heavyweight boxing title and sentenced to a jail term? He refused to fight in the Vietnam War
4. ***To what court did Muhammad Ali take his case and what happened in that court? U.S. Supreme Court; he won his case
5. What type of toy did Lonnie Smith invent? Super Soaker
6. Give one outstanding thing that Benjamin Banneker did. Invented a wooden clock, wrote an almanac, or helped survey Washington, D.C.
7. What important building in New Orleans is named after musician Louis Armstrong? New Orleans Airport.
8. What great operation did Dr. Daniel Hale Williams perform in 1893? The first successful open heart surgery
9. His murder by police in 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota led to worldwide demonstrations and criminal convictions of the four officers involved. Name him. George Floyd
10. What did the 13th Amendment outlaw in 1865? Slavery except for punishment of a crime
11. An enslaved person named York was a part of what famous exploring expedition? Lewis and Clark
12. ***What was the underground railroad? Secret passageways to escape slavery
13. She received a patent for this invention in 1792. What did Sarah Boone invent to help us keep our clothing neat? A better ironing board
14. The late Sadie Roberts Joseph encouraged African Americans to celebrate what holiday? Juneteenth
15. Sadie Roberts Joseph and Kathe Hambrick Jackson both were founders of what type of historical sites here in Louisiana? African American Museums

SET 2

1. In 1904, Dr. Charles Drew invented a way to store what important fluid that could be used in blood transfusions? Blood plasma
2. Bessie Coleman was the first African American woman to receive what type of license? Pilot
3. These African American pilots fought battles during World War 2. They attended an HBCU. By what name were these pilots known? Tuskegee Airmen
4. What holiday is celebrated between December 26 and January 1? Kwanzaa
5. What university sold 272 enslaved people to raise money for that university? Georgetown University
6. Crispus Attucks is said to have been the first person to die during what event? The American Revolution
7. Chadwick Boseman and Michael B Jordan starred in what movie? The Black Panther
8. Name the militant Black group that was founded in Oakland, California in 1966. The Black Panthers
9. ***Film director Spike Lee made a film entitled "Four Little Girls". What was the film about? What year was the film made? Four girls were killed in a church bombing by the Ku Klux Klan in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963
10. **Over 1,000 youngsters participated in a march to oppose discrimination and racism in May, 1963. Name the march and the city in which it took place. The Children's March, Birmingham, Alabama
11. Sasha and Malia are two daughters of what famous people? The Obamas
12. ****Give a shorter name for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People along with the year in which it was founded. NAACP, 1909
13. What were abolitionists? People who wanted to do away with slavery
14. What African American leader was assassinated in the Audubon Ballroom in New York in 1965? Malcolm X
15. ****What actor delivered the eulogy at Malcolm X's funeral and how did he describe Malcolm X? Ossie Davis; "Our Black Shining Prince"

SET 3

1. In 1953, Reverend T.J. Jemison led what type of demonstration in Baton Rouge? Bus Boycott
2. Who were the freedom riders? Students and others who tried to integrate seating on buses
3. One student organization with the abbreviation SNCC was very active as freedom riders and in voter rights activities. Give the full name of the organization. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
4. Why was Harriet Tubman called the "Moses of her people"? Led many enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad
5. Wilt Chamberlain holds the record for scoring the most points in one basketball game. How many points did he score? 100
6. What is racial segregation? Keeping black and white people separated.
7. Why was the Brown versus the Topeka Board of Education case of 1954 important? The case outlawed segregation in public schools.
8. What NAACP lawyer presented the case against segregation in the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education Case? Thurgood Marshall
9. ***Name the first and second African American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Thurgood Marshall, Clarence Thomas
10. President Biden has nominated what African American lady to serve on the Supreme Court? Ketanji Brown Jackson
11. **In 1955, this lady refused to give up her seat to Whites on a bus. This led to a city-wide bus boycott. Name the lady and the city. Rosa Parks, Montgomery, Alabama
12. Rosa Parks had this 14-year-old young man on her mind when she refused to give up her seat. He was brutally murdered in Money, Mississippi just months earlier. Name him. Emmitt Till
13. What is the title of the Black National Anthem? "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
14. She was almost elected governor of Georgia in 2018, and is running again for governor this year. Name her. Stacey Abrams
15. Name either of the three current African American U.S. Senators. Corey Booker, Raphael Warnock, Tim Scott

SET 4

1. Who started the Let's Move" program to cut down on childhood obesity? Michele Obama
2. Name a book written by Alex Haley or one that he helped to write. "Roots", " Autobiography of Malcolm X
3. Give one similarity and one difference between the philosophies of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both believed in justice or in fighting for racial justice; Dr. King believed in nonviolent resistance; Malcolm X believed in self-defense if attacked.
4. Dr. King and other ministers formed an organization that fought against segregation. The group's initials are SCLC. What is the full name of the group? Southern Christian Leadership Conference
5. In 1964, this group was formed in Jonesboro, Louisiana to protect and defend students and civil rights workers from violent white groups like the Ku Klux Klan. Deacons for Defense
6. Name the movie or the book about 3 African American women scientists who worked in the NASA space program. "Hidden Figures"
7. ***Who was the Most Valuable Player in this year's NBA All Star Game and how many points did he score? Stephen Curry, 50 points
8. What did the 15th Amendment state about voting rights? No person could be denied the right to vote because of race, color or because the person was formerly an enslaved person
9. Matthew Henson was one of the earliest explorers to reach what destination? North Pole
10. What lady was the founder of Bethune Cookman College in Florida? Mary McCloud Bethune
11. Linda Thomas Greenfield from Baker, Louisiana currently holds what important position? U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
12. Who is the current mayor of Baton Rouge? Sharon Weston Broome
13. ***Who is the only African American member of the U.S. Congress from Louisiana and what former African American Congressman did he replace? Troy Carter, Cedric Richmond
14. ***This former NFL player coached Jackson State University's football team. Name him and give his nickname. Deion Sanders; "Prime Time"
15. The student union at Southern University is named the Smith-Brown Memorial Union after Denver Smith and Leonard Brown. What were the circumstances of their deaths in 1972? They were killed by police during a peaceful student demonstration

Set 5

1. Booker T. Washington founded what university in Alabama? Tuskegee Institute now Tuskegee University
2. Who was Tuskegee University's most famous scientist? Dr. George Washington Carver
3. ***Name two crops for which Dr. Carver found many uses. Sweet potatoes, peanuts, soybeans
4. ***Born in Jamaica, this early 20th century leader had millions of African Americans followers. Name him and the organization that he started. Marcus Garvey, Universal Negro Improvement Association.
5. What did Marcus Garvey encourage African Americans to do because of racism and violence against them? Migrate to Africa
6. ***She is the greatest female tennis player of all times. Name her and her sister who is also a great tennis player. Serena Williams, Venus Williams
7. What is an HBCU? Historically Black College or University
8. Southern University has a branch of the University in New Orleans. Name another HBCU that is located in New Orleans. Dillard or Xavier Universities
9. What female singer performed during this year's Super Bowl Halftime Show? Mary J. Blige
10. ***In what African country was Barack Obama's father born and what is the capital of that country? Kenya, Nairobi
11. Name either of the three great ancient kingdoms in West Africa. Ghana, Mali, Songhai
12. ***In 1960, four students from this HBCU conducted a well-known sit-in demonstration at a lunch counter. Name the HBCU and the city where the demonstration occurred. North Carolina A and T, Greensboro, North Carolina
13. **** In 1965, John Lewis was a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He led a civil rights march between what two cities in Alabama? Selma, Montgomery
14. What political office did John Lewis hold before his death in 2020? U.S. Congressman or member of the House of Representatives
15. ***Bill Russell won 11 NBA Championships while playing with the Boston Celtics during the 1950s and 1960s. Name two other African American NBA players who have won NBA championships. Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Shaquille O'Neal

SET 6

1. ****Give the name of the fictional country in the film "Black Panther" along with the name of the star of the movie. "Wakanda", Chadwick Boseman
2. What NAACP leader was murdered in Jackson, Mississippi in 1963 for trying to get African Americans the right to vote? Medgar Evers
3. ***Who is the current Vice President of the U.S. and what former position did she hold? Kamala Harris, U.S. Senator (from California)
4. Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, and Denmark Vesey all planned or carried out what type of activity? Slave revolts
5. The Congress of Racial Equality fought for equality for African Americans. Members participated in freedom rides, voter registration drives, and other activities. What was the short name for the Congress of Racial Equality? CORE
6. Toussaint L'Overture led a successful slave revolt on what island? Haiti
7. Who was the first African American who was allowed to play major league baseball? Jackie Robinson
8. Fannie Lou Hamer fought for voting rights for African Americans in what southern state? Its capital is Jackson. Mississippi
9. ***What lady was a founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in 1964, and why was it founded? Fannie Lou Hamer; African Americans were not allowed to join or vote in the Democratic Party in Mississippi at that time
10. The period between 1865-1877 that followed the Civil War is known by what name? Reconstruction
11. What was the highest office in Louisiana that was held by P.B.S. Pinchback during Reconstruction? Governor
12. Hiram Revels and Blanche K. Bruce from Mississippi held what high political office during Reconstruction? U.S. Senators
13. What two words describe the system of segregation that took place in the South following the Civil War and Reconstruction? It includes the name of a bird and a man's name. Jim crow
14. How were African Americans kept from voting during the early Jim Crow era? Poll tax, difficult literacy tests, terrorism; had to guess how many jelly beans were in a jar
15. What is the importance of the 14th Amendment? States that all persons born or naturalized in the U.S. are citizens. (That included formerly enslaved persons).

Set 7

1. Lou Alcindor eventually chose what name for himself and why? Kareem Abdul Jabbar; to reflect his Arabic Faith
2. This NBA super scorer has scored close to 40,000 points during his career and is now the all-time leader of NBA scorer LeBron James
3. ***A 12-year-old boy was playing with a toy gun on a playground in Cincinnati, when he was quickly shot and killed by police in 2014. Name him. Tamir Rice
4. What female actor starred in the movie as a fighter for her people Viola Davis\
5. Name the movie star that starred in this movie "The African King"?
6. What West Coast African country beginning with the letter "D" actually had women fighters? Dahomey
7. What is the connection between the movie "The African King " and the African country of Dahomey?
8. What African American female actress won a Golden Globe Award for her role in the movie "Wakanda Forever"?
9. What happened to Damar Hamlin and for what team does he play?
10. Who was recently elected as governor of Maryland?
11. Who is the current mayor of New Orleans?
12. This former NFL quarterback protested racism and police brutality against African Americans by kneeling on one knee during the National Anthem. Colin Kaepernick
13. This film director and writer produced the Queen Sugar" Series. Ava Duvernay
14. What book by Nikole Anna Jones has been banned from several libraries controlled by right-wing Republicans? "The 1619 Project"
15. Why was the book banned? Because it discussed how serious racism has been and still is in the U.S.
16. One of our best writers also had one of her poems banned. Name her and the poem Toni Morrison's "We Real Cool"
17. Who wrote "The Color Purple? Alice Walker
18. Who was one of the main producers this year? Oprah Winfrey
19. Nate Burleson and Charles Barkley both cohost a show with this Super star. Gayle King
20. What is the title of Maya Angelou's memoir? "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings"