

# Black History Trivia Questions: Elementary Level

**The contest ends March 9. Answers should be E-mailed to me at Cheryl Norman at [gnormanc@aol.com](mailto:gnormanc@aol.com). Winners will be announced March 11, 2nd Sunday.**

1. Who was the first African American Supreme Court Justice?
2. Who was the first African-American woman NASA astronaut to go into space? When was her first flight?
3. What baseball legend became the first batter to compile 3,000 career hits and more than 500 home runs in 1970 and broke more major league batting records than any other player in the history of the game. His total of 755 home runs stands as one of the greatest achievements in sports. Who is he?
4. Whose action started a 381-day bus boycott and helped to change the course of American history? Where and when did it occur?
5. This African-American scientist helped revolutionize the agriculture of the South. He discovered more than 300 uses for the peanut, over 100 uses for the sweet potato and a number of uses for the soybean. Who was he?
6. This North American musical instrument is derived from the African mbanza? What is it?
7. I escaped from slavery in 1849 and helped more than 300 slaves escape to freedom also. I acted as a nurse, scout and spy for the Union Army during the Civil War. I became an advisor to President Lincoln. Who am I and what route did I use to escape from slavery?
8. I was a black sailor from Haiti, who later became a fur trapper and trader along the Mississippi River. I built a settlement at the Eschikagou River in the 1780's that later grew into a famous American city. Who am I and what is the name of the city I founded?
9. I was of African decent and was one of five Americans killed in the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770. This became the first battle in the Revolutionary War. Who was I?
10. I was the first African-American to play in the Major Leagues on a white team in 1947. I brought an end to racial segregation in this sport, and became the first black player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in that sport. Who am I, what was my sport, and on what team did I play?
11. Who is known as the as the "Father of Black History?"

12. I am an inventor who made the first gas mask and traffic signal. Who am I?
13. In what year did President Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation and why is it important?
14. I am a Civil Rights leader and a Baptist Minister. I had a dream that some day people would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Who am I?
15. I helped discover the North Pole in 1909 with Commander Robert Perry. Who am I?
16. I was the first doctor to successfully operate on a human heart. Who am I? Where did this operation take place?
17. Which United States Legislative Act declared that people must be treated fairly no matter the color of their skin? In what year was this act passed?
18. Who was the first African American poet to read a poem at a presidential inauguration? What president was being inaugurated and what is the date?
19. I created the first magazine for African Americans in 1945. Who am I, and what is the name of my magazine?
20. I was the first African-American woman to earn an international aviation license and became an American civil aviator and pilot. Who am I, when and where did I earn my license?