

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS: ADULT LEVEL

1. How many African American astronauts have flown in the U.S. Space Program? Name them and tell when they first flew.
2. Who performed the first successful open heart surgery on a human being? Where was it performed?
3. Who authored an Almanac, and developed the blueprint plans for an important American city? What is the name of the city?
4. Name the Civil War soldier who was the first African American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor? When was it given?
5. This engineer inventor patented an oiling device, which allowed machines to remain in motion while being lubricated. His device revolutionized the machine industry. Name the inventor and the date of his invention.
6. What were the issues and the ruling in the Supreme Court case, Plessy v. Ferguson? In what year did the Supreme Court rule?
7. What was the nation's first African American newspaper and where was it published? What was the date of the first publication?
8. What were invisible Churches?
9. Who was the African American businessman that provided the funds to start The Liberator, a newspaper run by a white abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison? When and where was it first published?
10. Who was the commander of a company of African American Volunteers from Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War?

11. What dispute led to the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Who was involved in founding the church and when was it first established?
12. What was the Niagara Movement and when was it started? Name two members involved in the Niagara Movement.
13. Who was one of America's great painters who gained international recognition for his pictures of Negro life on plantations? Born a slave in the United States, he moved to Paris to escape racial prejudice and continued to paint. His religious paintings are hung today in many of the world's greatest museums? Who is the artist and name his best-known early painting?
14. What action forced all public schools to be integrated and led the nation to realize that separate schools were not equal? Who organized and led the legal brigade in this action?
15. This African American inventor received a patent for the safety helmet in 1912. It was initially used by Allied forces in World War I and is the prototype of the modern gas mask used by fire departments and rescue squads. This is only one of his inventions, which are still used throughout the world. Name the inventor and one other of his important inventions.
16. This African American became the first woman to become a bank president and helped black businesses grow. She proved that women could be successful in business. Who was she and what was the name of the bank she started?
17. Who was the first African American elected into the United States Senate? What state did he represent and when did he serve? Name the other African American Senators who have served in the United States senate.
18. What event sparked the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People?
19. This African American gained world recognition when he performed the first successful separation of twins joined at the back of the head. He perfected what is now the standard medical procedure for separating conjoined twins. A leading expert in the area of brain surgery, he refined the technique for reducing the frequency of seizures in patients. Who is he and where did he work?
20. This African American was an inventor who revolutionized the shoe industry. He perfected his invention in 1882 and patented it in 1883. His invention led to the mass production of shoes and greatly reduced their price. Who was he and what is the name of his invention?