

## Black History Trivia Questions: Jr. High & High School 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. This African American escaped slavery and became a leading abolitionist during the 1800's. He gave speeches telling what freedom meant to him, started an antislavery newspaper, and became an advisor to President Lincoln. Who is he and what position did President Lincoln assign him?
2. I state that slavery shall not exist in any part of the United States of America or in any territory governed by the United States. When I took effect, slavery was finally abolished. What am I and when did I start?
3. This African American poet was the first to have a book published containing poems on various subjects including religious and moral issues. Who is the author, what is the title of the book and when was it published?
4. This African American inventor improved the lubrication process for steam engines and greatly increased machine efficiency and productivity during the Industrial Revolution. Who was he and how was his invention often referred?
5. Who was the first African American to graduate from an American university? From where did he graduate, and what degree did he receive? When did he receive his degree?
6. What was the most significant accomplishment of Ralph Bunche's professional life? What was his reward?
7. Who was the educator that devoted a life to improving educational opportunities for blacks in America, opened a school for black girls in Florida and served four United States presidents in various government positions. This African American became the first black woman to head a government agency. Who was she, what school did she open and what four U.S. presidents did she serve?
8. What African American pioneered research with blood plasma, organized blood bank programs during World War II, and helped save the lives of millions all over the world? Who was he and what important professional distinction was he selected?
9. How many African astronauts have flown in the United States Space Program? Who were they and who was the first African American astronaut to walk in space?
10. This African American was best known for her hair care products; she invented the straightening comb and a conditioner for straightening hair. She built her own factory, employed blacks and encouraged them to start their own businesses. She was said to be the first African American millionaire? Who was she?

11. I was an inventor who received a patent for producing carbon filaments that made electric lighting more practical. I worked with Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell? Who was he?
12. Who started celebrating the accomplishments of Black/African American History? When did the practice begin and why is it celebrated during the month of February?
13. I escaped slavery with my infant daughter and became the first black woman abolitionist and defender of woman's rights. I went to court to recover my son out of slavery and was the first black woman to win such a case against a white man. I helped recruit black troops for the Union Army, and tried to secure land grants from the federal government for former slaves. Who am I?
14. What was the name given to thousands of African American men, women and children who fled the south after the end of Reconstruction following the Civil War; the government promised free land in Kansas. They were compared to the Jews who left Egypt for the Promised Land. What were they called?
15. What squadron during World War II was the first to have black officers?
16. What was the name of the Supreme Court case that opened all public schools to African American students? When was the ruling issued?
17. How many African Americans have been honored with their face on a United States postage stamp? Who was the first and in what year was that stamp issued?
18. What was the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress? In what year was she elected and what office did she seek after her second term?
19. I starred in many movies and became the first African American to win an Academy Award for being the Best Actor in a Leading Role. Who am I and what was the name of the movie? How many African Americans have won an Academy Award for **best actor in a leading role (including me)**?
20. This **cultural movement** spanned the 1920s and 1930s in the northeastern United States. At the time, it was known as the "New Negro Movement," and is famous for the writing, music and cultural arts created by African Americans. What is this African American cultural movement now known as?