

Black History Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Black History trivia invites readers to explore major figures, pivotal events, and lasting cultural contributions from across the African diaspora. From civil rights milestones to breakthroughs in arts, science, sports, and politics, the topic offers a family-friendly way to test knowledge while gaining historical perspective. Its tone can range from easy and funny to more challenging questions rooted in well-documented history.

HARD BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Which teenager was arrested in Montgomery on March 2, 1955 for refusing to give up her bus seat?

Answer: Claudette Colvin

2. Who was the principal organizer behind the 1963 March on Washington?

Answer: Bayard Rustin

3. Which activist helped found the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in 1964?

Answer: Fannie Lou Hamer

4. At the 1976 Democratic National Convention, who delivered the keynote address representing Texas?

Answer: Barbara Jordan

5. During the 1966 Meredith March, who popularized the slogan "Black Power"?

Answer: Stokely Carmichael

6. Name the scholar who co-founded the NAACP in 1909.?

Answer: W. E. B. Du Bois

7. Which journalist launched a major anti-lynching campaign in the 1890s?

Answer: Ida B. Wells

8. What Tulsa neighborhood was famously known as "Black Wall Street"?

Answer: The Greenwood District

9. In what year did the Tulsa Race Massacre occur?

Answer: 1921

10. Which historic Black business district is located in Atlanta, Georgia?

Answer: Sweet Auburn

11. If a history clue points to a famous entertainment district in Memphis, Tennessee, which place is it naming?

Answer: Beale Street

12. Which New Orleans site is known for historic gatherings of enslaved and free Black people?

Answer: Congo Square

13. Richard Allen founded which Philadelphia church in 1794?

Answer: Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church

14. What was the name of the predominantly Black community that once stood where part of Central Park is now located?

Answer: Seneca Village

FUNNY BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Which entertainer collected the full awards infinity gauntlet by achieving EGOT status?

Answer: Whoopi Goldberg

2. Who released the concert film "Richard Pryor: Live in Concert" in 1979?

Answer: Richard Pryor

3. Which comedy star spent part of the early 1980s on "Saturday Night Live" before becoming a huge movie name?

Answer: Eddie Murphy

4. On "Sanford and Son," who played the junk-dealing king Fred Sanford?

Answer: Redd Foxx

5. Whose variety show debuted in 1970 with the very subtle title "The Flip Wilson Show"?

Answer: Flip Wilson

6. Who co-created and starred in "Chappelle's Show," which premiered in 2003?

Answer: Dave Chappelle

7. Which Wayans created "In Living Color" in 1990 and basically handed sketch comedy a megaphone?

Answer: Keenen Ivory Wayans

8. On "Family Matters," who brought Steve Urkel to life and to everyone's living room?

Answer: Jaleel White

9. Which star of the 1990s sitcom "Martin" played multiple characters, apparently refusing to be just one person?

Answer: Martin Lawrence

10. Before he was asking families survey questions on "Family Feud," who was nationally known as a stand-up comic?

Answer: Steve Harvey

11. Who won a Primetime Emmy for writing on "The Chris Rock Show"?

Answer: Wanda Sykes

12. Which comedian created and narrated "Everybody Hates Chris," a sitcom inspired by his

youth?

Answer: Chris Rock

13. Which pioneering Black stand-up comedian is linked to the Chitlinâ Circuit?

Answer: Moms Mabley

FUN BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Which inventor helped bring order to the road by patenting a traffic signal design in 1923?

Answer: Garrett Morgan

2. Before your room could glow, which innovator helped improve the carbon filament used in early light bulbs?

Answer: Lewis Latimer

3. Who built a hair-care empire and became one of Americaâ s first self-made female millionaires?

Answer: Madam C. J. Walker

4. In 1893 in Chicago, who performed one of the first successful heart surgeries?

Answer: Daniel Hale Williams

5. Which medical pioneer is known for developing methods to store blood plasma?

Answer: Charles Drew

6. Who racked up dozens of patents and earned the nickname "Black Edison"?

Answer: Granville T. Woods

7. What former NASA engineer turned backyard water battles into chaos by inventing the Super Soaker?

Answer: Lonnie Johnson

8. Which chemist became known for synthesizing medicinal compounds from plants?

Answer: Percy Julian

9. Popular tradition often credits which 1853 culinary figure with inventing potato chips?

Answer: George Crum

10. Which beauty powerhouse launched Pat McGrath Labs in 2015 after becoming one of the worldâ s most influential makeup artists?

Answer: Pat McGrath

11. Who made history as the first African American in space in 1983?

Answer: Guion Bluford

12. In 2022, who became the first Black woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Answer: Ketanji Brown Jackson

13. Which statesman became the first Black U.S. secretary of state in 2001?

Answer: Colin Powell

BLACK HISTORY FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Who wrote the 1969 memoir "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

Answer: Maya Angelou

2. Which author wrote the book "Roots," published in 1976?

Answer: Alex Haley

3. "Native Son," published in 1940, was written by which author?

Answer: Richard Wright

4. Who is the author of the 1952 novel "Invisible Man"?

Answer: Ralph Ellison

5. Which writer created "Their Eyes Were Watching God" in 1937?

Answer: Zora Neale Hurston

6. Who wrote the play "A Raisin in the Sun," first performed in 1959?

Answer: Lorraine Hansberry

7. Published in 1963, "The Fire Next Time" was written by whom?

Answer: James Baldwin

8. Which author wrote the 1982 novel "The Color Purple"?

Answer: Alice Walker

9. Who wrote the novel "Kindred," published in 1979?

Answer: Octavia E. Butler

10. Which dancer founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1958?

Answer: Alvin Ailey

11. Playful one: whose dance company shares the founder's own name in the title, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater?

Answer: Alvin Ailey

12. Which Harlem Renaissance figure was a leading jazz composer and bandleader?

Answer: Duke Ellington

EASY BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

1. What holiday marks June 19, 1865, when news of emancipation reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas?

Answer: Juneteenth

2. Who broke Major League Baseball's modern color line with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947?

Answer: Jackie Robinson

3. Which civil rights figure refused to give up her bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955?

Answer: Rosa Parks

4. Who delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington in 1963?

Answer: Martin Luther King Jr.

5. Who became the first Black president of the United States in 2008?

Answer: Barack Obama

6. Which woman is best known for leading enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad?

Answer: Harriet Tubman

7. Who published the autobiography "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass" in 1845?

Answer: Frederick Douglass

8. Who became the first Black U.S. Supreme Court justice in 1967?

Answer: Thurgood Marshall

9. What major Supreme Court case was decided in 1954?

Answer: Brown v. Board of Education

10. The Civil Rights Act was signed into law in what year?

Answer: 1964

11. The Voting Rights Act became law in which year?

Answer: 1965

12. Who became the first Black U.S. senator in 1870?

Answer: Hiram Revels

13. Who became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress in 1968?

Answer: Shirley Chisholm

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