

Test your knowledge of Black History. Circle the answers that you think are correct.

1. Rosa Parks, who sparked the Civil Rights Movement when she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, had this job.

- A. Librarian
- B. Seamstress
- C. Waitress
- D. Nurse

2. In 1939, Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to win an Academy Award for this movie.

- A. Gone with the Wind
- B. Daughters of the Dust
- C. Stormy Weather
- D. Hidden Figures

3. Robert Johnson co-founded this cable channel and became the first African-American billionaire.

- A. Comedy Central
- B. HBO
- C. BET
- D. HGTV

4. Carol Moseley Braun became the first black woman elected to what governing body?

- A. The U.S. House of Representatives
- B. The Texas State Senate
- C. The New York State Legislature
- D. The U.S. Senate

5. Track-and-field athlete Jesse Owens set a record in 1936 by winning how many gold medals at a single Olympic Games?

- A. Four
- B. Six
- C. Seven
- D. Two

6. What was former First Lady Michelle Obama's original profession?

- A. Teacher
- B. Lawyer
- C. Banker
- D. Doctor

7. Dr. Charles Drew made groundbreaking improvements in blood storage and developed the blood bank for what humanitarian organization?

- A. Doctors Without Borders
- B. Heifer International
- C. The American Red Cross
- D. The Salvation Army

8. Madam C.J. Walker became the first African-American woman millionaire for creating these types of products.

- A. Dress shoes
- B. Skin care
- C. Self-help books
- D. Hair care

9. During World War II, this special unit of African-American pilots flew fighter planes to protect U.S. bombers from enemy aircraft.

- A. The Freedom Fighters
- B. The Tuskegee Airmen
- C. The Black Pilots
- D. The Protector Pilots

10. Which book was not written by Pulitzer Prize winner Toni Morrison?

- A. Their Eyes Were Watching God
- B. The Bluest Eye
- C. Beloved
- D. Song of Solomon



WHO AM I?

Circle the person who you think is described in each statement.

11. I was the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

- A. Thurgood Marshall
- B. John Lewis
- C. Constance Baker Motley
- D. Barbara Jordan

12. I wrote the 1976 book, Roots, that became a famous TV miniseries, bringing black history to life for millions of people.

- A. Booker T. Washington
- B. Langston Hughes
- C. Alex Haley
- D. LeVar Burton

13. I was the first African American promoted to female principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre in 2015.

- A. Debbie Allen
- B. Judith Jamison
- C. Katherine Dunham
- D. Misty Copeland

14. In the 1940s, I helped develop a procedure to fix a heart condition called "blue baby syndrome." HBO made a movie about it called, Something the Lord Made.

- A. Mae Jemison
- B. Daniel Hale Williams
- C. Vivien Thomas
- D. Helen Dickens

15. I became the first black woman elected to U.S. Congress. I also ran for President of the United States in 1972.

- A. Shirley Chisholm
- B. Kamala Harris
- C. Stacey Abrams
- D. Dorothy Lavinia Brown

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ANSWERS