

Black History Month Quiz Bowl Study Guide

Use books from the library or online research websites to find the answers to the following questions.

1. Who was Mary McCleod Bethune?
2. How long did America practice slavery?
3. Until recent years, who wrote most slave history books?
4. In what year were slaves set free by law?
5. Who was Edward Bouchet?
6. Approximately how many blacks served in the Union Army during the Civil War?
7. Who was the first African American to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
8. What do the initials N.A.A.C.P. stand for?
9. When Alex Haley wrote his bestselling book *Roots*, what was he writing about?
10. Sisters Venus and Serena Williams play what professional sport?
11. Malcolm X, who founded the Organization for Afro-American Unity in 1963, was a leading spokesman for what?
12. Which person is the bestselling American black novelist?
13. Bill Cosby, the father of one of America's favorite television families, was born in what city?
14. General Colin Powell became the first black to serve in what top U.S. government position?
15. Actor and comedian John Sanford changed his professional name to what?
16. Who is the black main character in a play by William Shakespeare?
17. He was a legendary black man who was so strong that he could outwork a steam drill. He died with a hammer in his hand. Who was he?
18. Joel Chandler Harris created this famous "Uncle," who spun tales about animals to entertain a white boy on a plantation. Who was he?
19. William Wells Brown, novelist and dramatist, was the first African American to what?
20. In 1963, Sidney Poitier became the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor. Name the movie for which he received it?