



African American History Challenge 2026

Put all answers on the answer sheet!

1. A “hidden figure” whose complex mathematical computations modeled the Earth's shape using satellite data, forming the foundational math for the Global Positioning System.
2. Name given to the day over 600 civil rights marchers were severely brattened by Alabama State police as they marched from Selma to Montgomery seeking voting rights.
3. Who was the first colonist slain in the Boston Massacre?
4. Credited with creating the hair weaving process because of the patent she received for her “HairWeev” in 1952.
5. In 1954, Brown vs the Board of Education demolished the legal basis of segregation in schools and public places. What was the name of the case that had originally put these practices in place?
6. Invented the process for dry cleaning fabric.
7. First historically Black university in the United States.
8. In addition to being a military nurse, he first woman to lead a U. S. military operation.
9. Enslaved and brought to the U. S. from Africa, he taught American doctors to use the practice if vaccines (inoculations) during the 1721 smallpox outbreak.
10. Billie Holliday, also known as "Lady Day", was one of the greatest jazz musicians of the 20th century. She is best known for the song "God Bless the Child" and also "Strange Fruit". What was this 'strange fruit' a metaphor for?
11. What is a “Jim Crow” law?

12. The all-Black, all-female unit of the military that delivered mail to World War II troops across England.
13. In addition to other inventions, he created the chamber commode in 1872. It included a mirror, washstand, and more.
14. In 1905, W.E.B. Du Bois and William Monroe Trotter founded the Niagara movement, the precursor to what organization?
15. What was the Greenwood area of Tulsa, Oklahoma also known as in 1921?
16. Fifteen jockeys rode in the first Kentucky Derby. How many were African Americans?
17. Which two members co-founded the Black Panther Party?
18. What year did the first Africans arrive in the Americas?
19. What state would you visit if you wanted to tour The Penn Center, one of the first Southern schools for persons who had been enslaved?
20. Who is the African American woman who sits on the U. S. Supreme Court today?



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