February is Black History Month

Black History Month Quiz – Test Your Knowledge

E-mail completed quiz to Vanessa Bass, Reference Librarian at Vanessa.Bass@piedmontcc.edu or return it to the Gordon P. Allen LRC or the Caswell LRC by February 26th. There will be two winners from each campus (faculty/staff and student). All questions must be correct to win. If there are not any winners picked with all questions correct, the LRC will proceed to the next highest set of questions correct. Participants may use the Web to answer questions. Winners will be notified by e-mail the week of February 29th. Prizes include an iPad 2/iPad (3rd generation) cover, a USB flash drive, a 2015-2016 assignment planner, a PCC tumbler, a PCC bowl with spoon, a Harrington Lane Wallet Quilted Clutch, or a PCC coffee mug.

1. Who is known as the father of Black History Month?
   a. Martin Luther King Jr.
   b. Booker T. Washington
   c. Thurgood Marshall
   d. Dr. Carter G. Woodson

2. The first Black mayor of a major American city was:
   a. Tom Bradley (Los Angeles)
   b. Maynard Jackson (Atlanta)
   c. Carl Stokes (Cleveland)
   d. Harold Washington (Chicago)
   e. None of the above

3. Baseball legend Jackie Robinson famously broke baseball’s color barrier in 1947 while playing for which team?
   a. Brooklyn Dodgers
   b. Boston Red Sox
   c. Cleveland Indians
   d. Detroit Tigers

4. Legislation to restrict the movement and freedom of freedmen was enacted in 1865 in Mississippi and was known as:
   a. Black Rules
   b. Negro Restriction
   c. Black Papers
   d. Black Codes
   e. None of the above

5. What are the names of the first Black actor and actress to win the Academy Award for Best Actor and Best Actress?
   c. James Earl Jones (1970) and Hattie McDaniel (1939)
   d. Sidney Poitier (1963) and Hallie Berry (2001)

6. Gwendolyn Brooks, the first Black person to win a Pulitzer Prize, won the prize for her book:
   a. Jubilee
   b. Soul on Ice
   c. Annie Allen
   d. The Fire Next Time
   e. None of the above

7. All of these Black icons have received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, EXCEPT:
   a. Maya Angelou
   b. Sidney Poitier
   c. Muhammad Ali
   d. Oprah Winfrey
8. The first African-American person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (1950):
   a. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche
   b. Dr. Martin Luther King
   c. Nelson Mandela
   d. Dr. Benjamin Mays
   e. None of the above

9. What is the name of the Chicago teen who was brutally lynched in Mississippi in 1955, a tragedy that helped spur the civil rights movement?
   a. Emmett Till
   b. James Brown
   c. Nathaniel Wright
   d. Louis Williams

10. In the landmark court case Brown vs. Board of Education of 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that:
    a. Black and white public school facilities should be separate but equal.
    b. Segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.
    c. Black students could attend previously all-white schools as long as they lived within two miles of the school.
    d. White students could attend previously all-Black schools with written permission from their parents.
    e. None of the above

11. In what year did President Harry Truman sign an executive order that integrated the U.S. military?
    a. 1947
    b. 1938
    c. 1956
    d. 1949

12. One of the planners of what is now Washington D.C.:
    a. Booker T. Washington
    b. Frederick Douglass
    c. Hiram Rhodes Revels
    d. Benjamin Banneker

13. What was the name of the slave who led the largest slave rebellion in history in 1831?
    a. Harriet Tubman
    b. Booker T. Washington
    c. Frederick Douglass
    d. Nat Turner

14. This writer was a prominent figure of the Harlem Renaissance and is the author of the iconic novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Who is she?
    a. Sister Souljah
    b. Maya Angelou
    c. Phillis Wheatley
    d. Zora Neale Hurston

15. Who was the first African-American of a major party to run for president of the United States?
    a. Shirley Chisholm
    b. Barack Obama
    c. Jesse Jackson Sr.
    d. Alan Keys