

Black History Month Trivia

1. Who contracted polio as a child and was told she would never walk again, but earned the nickname "the fastest woman in the world" when she became the first woman to win three gold medals in the same Olympics?

- A. Jacqueline Joyner-Kersey
- B. Marilyn Black
- C. Wilma Glodean Rudolph

2. Which invention by Elijah McCoy was so superior in performance that consumers refused copycat inventions, insisting on "the Real McCoy"?

- A. Automatic lubricating cup for trains
- B. Modern dental chair
- C. Three position traffic light

3. Who dealt a blow to Adolph Hitler's belief in Aryan superiority by winning four gold medals in the 1936 summer Olympics in Berlin?

- A. Carl Lewis
- B. Jesse Owens
- C. Usain Bolt

4. Richard Potter became America's first black celebrity in the early 1800s as a...

- A. Abolitionist speaker
- B. Singer
- C. Magician and ventriloquist

5. Who was the first black woman to play and win a tennis championship at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open?

- A. Serena Williams
- B. Althea Gibson
- C. Zina Garrison

6. Which woman became an itinerate preacher and women's rights advocate supporting abolition after gaining her freedom from slavery?

- A. Grace Freedman
- B. Harriet Tubman
- C. Sojourner Truth

7. Which college basketball team was the first to start five black players and beat Kentucky in 1966 to win the NCAA championship?

- A. Syracuse
- B. Cincinnati
- C. Texas Western

8. Who became the first African American Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A. Clarence Thomas
- B. Thurgood Marshall
- C. W. E. B. DuBois

9. What was the title of Maya Angelou's memoir that became the first nonfiction bestseller by an African American author?

- A. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- B. *A Woman's Worth*
- C. *Freedom on My Mind*

10. Which Syracuse anti-slavery newspaper merged with the more famous *North Star* paper from Rochester and became *Frederick Douglass' Paper*?

- A. *The Underground Railroad Gazette*
- B. *The Freedom Road Bulletin*
- C. *The Liberty Party Paper*