

2009 – Back History Month Quiz Answers

(1) When did the first African Americans attend Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas?

Answer: September 23, 1957
Dowling North, 2nd FL

(2) How long did the Montgomery Bus Boycott Last?

Answer: 381 Days
Dowling South, 1st FL

(3) Which African American took home four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Germany?

Answer: Jesse Owens
Academic/Research

(4) In which year did President Barack Obama give his “The Audacity of Hope” speech?

Answer: 2004
Exchange Suite 246 (CHRO)

(5) When and where did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. give his famous, “I Have a Dream” speech?

Answer: August 28, 1963
Main/Hospital, 1st FL

(6) Name a famous African American poet who helped start the Harlem Renaissance as well as a present day poet who held the honored title of Poet laureate of the United States from 1993-1995.

Answer: Langston Hughes/Rita Dove
Munson Rd., 2nd FL

(7) Name the director of our nation’s most revered school for African Americans, The Tuskegee Institute, as well as the first African American president of an Ivy League College when she was appointed the president at Brown University in 1002.

Answer: Booker T. Washington/Dr. Ruth Simmons
Main/Hospital, Lobby

(8) Name the first African American to travel across the continent and accompanied the famous 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific Ocean. Also name the first African American to pilot a space shuttle in 1985 and became a mission commander in 1989.

Answer: York/Frederick D. Gregory
Dowling North, 3rd FL