

# Do You Know Your Black History ?

## THE FIRST BLACK:

1. ...Congresswoman was Mrs Shirley Chisholm of New York.

2. ...U.S. Senator was Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi who was elected January 20, 1870 to fill an unexpired term.

3. ...U.S. Senator to preside over the Senate was Blanche K. Bruce on February 14, 1878.

4. ...Presidential candidate to be placed in nomination at a major political convention was Frederick Douglass. He received one vote in 1888 on the fourth ballot of the Republican Convention.

5. ...Customs court Judge was Irvin Charles Mollison who was appointed in New York in 1945 by President Truman

6. ...Woman Judge was Jane Matilda Bolin who was appointed to the New York City Court of Domestic Relations in 1939.

7. ...Poet to publish his works was Jupiter Hammon a slave. He published "An Evening Thought: Salvation by Christ, with Penitential Cries" in 1760.

8. ...Doctor of record was

James Derham. He was born in 1762 and learned medicine while apprenticed to Dr. John Kearsley. He later won his freedom and set up his own practice in New Orleans, Louisiana.

9. ...Doctor with a formal medical degree was Dr. James M. Smith of New York who graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1837.

10. ...Woman doctor was Susan McKinney. She graduated from New York Medical College in 1870. (Some sources give this distinction to Dr.

Rebecca Cole who reportedly practiced from 1872-1881).

11. ...Graduated of West Point Military Academy (Army) was Henry O. Flipper in 1877.

12. ...Soldier and First American to die after Pearl Harbor attack in 1941 was killed in the Philippines the next day, December 8th.

13. ...Man and First American to die in behalf of American Independence was Crispus Attucks who was killed along with several other Americans on March 5, 1770.

14. ...Coin honoring a Negro was a fifty-cent piece issued in May, 1946. It bore the bust of Booker T. Washington.

15. ...Town to be incorporated was Mound Bayou, Mississippi. It was founded in 1887 by Isaiah T. Montgomery.

16. ...Daily Newspaper in the United States was "Colored Tribune" which began publication in French and English in Louisiana in 1865.

17. ...Newspaper in the United States was "Freedom's Journal" which was first published on March 16, 1827 by John B. Russwurm and Richard E. Cornish.

18. ...Sculptor to design a U.S. coin was Selma Burke her "Head of Franklin D. Roosevelt" first appeared on the 1946 dime.

19. ...Member of the Hall of Fame For Great Americans was Booker T. Washington who was elected in 1945 to the Shrine at New York University, ahead of Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and Thomas Edison.

20. ...Nobel Peace Prize Winner was Dr. Ralph Bunche in 1950 for his efforts for peace in the Mideast.

21. ...Pulitzer Prize Winner was Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950 for her collection of poems, "Annie Allen".

22. ...Woman (and woman of any race) to preach at Saint Paul's Cathedral in London was Mrs. Coretta King who spoke there in 1968.

23. ...Explorer to set foot on the North Pole was Matthew Henson who, with Admiral Robert E. Perry and four eskimos, discovered the North Pole in 1909. Henson planted the flag at the Pole.

24. ...University to set up graduate and professional school was Howard University in Washington, D.C.

25. ...Football game between Negro colleges was played between Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith) and Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina in 1892. Biddle won, 4 to 0.



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