

BLACK HISTORY LEADERS READING COMPREHENSION!

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Black History Heroes L1



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1) What is Michael Jordan known for being?

☐ a scientist ☐ a basketball player

☐ a ballet dancer ☐ a dentist

2) What year was Michael Jordan born?

☐ 1966 ☐ 1963

☐ 1933 ☐ 1936

3) How many NBA scoring titles has he won?

☐ thirteen ☐ six

☐ ten ☐ eight



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- ☐ a baker ☐ a nurse
☐ an actor ☐ a pilot

2) What name did many people also call her?

- ☐ "Bessie the Beautiful" ☐ "Brave Bessie"
☐ "Bessie the Best" ☐ "Boring Bessie"

3) What kind of license did she hold?

- ☐ a conductor license ☐ a boat license
☐ a business license ☐ a pilot license

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1) What was Harriet Tubman known for being?

- ☐ a judge ☐ a fireman
☐ an abolitionist ☐ a doctor

2) What year was Harriet Tubman born?

- ☐ 1822 ☐ 1818
☐ 1922 ☐ 1828

3) How many rescue missions did she make?

- ☐ ten ☐ twelve
☐ eleven ☐ thirteen

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1) What was Wilma Rudolph known for being?

- ☐ a singer ☐ a model
☐ a veterinarian ☐ a sports icon

2) She was a pioneer for what kind of rights?

- ☐ animal rights ☐ women's rights
☐ men's rights ☐ parental rights

3) How many gold medals did she win in a single Olympic Games?

- ☐ one ☐ three
☐ two ☐ four

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- ☐ a cook ☐ a cowboy
☐ a chemist ☐ a librarian

2) What year was Bill Pickett born?

- ☐ 1870 ☐ 1877
☐ 1970 ☐ 1807

3) What hall of fame was he inducted into in 1989?

- ☐ Wild West ☐ Cowboy
☐ Little Rodeo ☐ ProRodeo

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Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was born in February, 1818. He was a social reformer, abolitionist, author, and statesman. He wrote 3 books about his experiences as a slave. In 1848, he became the first African American presidential candidate.

1) What was Frederick Douglass known for being?

2) How many books did Frederick Douglass write?

3) He became the first African American what?

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| ☐ a farmer | ☐ a detective |
| ☐ a chef | ☐ a singer |

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- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ☐ 1815 | ☐ 1851 |
| ☐ 1951 | ☐ 1915 |

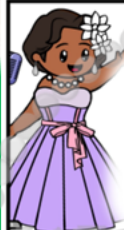
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| ☐ 3 | ☐ 5 |
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- ☐ a tax lawyer ☐ a bankruptcy lawyer
☐ a corporate lawyer ☒ a civil rights lawyer

2) He was the first African American what?

- ☐ Olympic medalist ☐ mayor
☒ Supreme Court Justice ☐ author

3) He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in what year?

- ☐ 1999 ☒ 1993
☐ 1983 ☐ 1933

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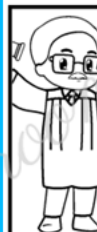
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DIFFERENTIATED READING COMPREHENSION READING COMP BUNDLE!

Name: Tyrone Native American Heritage LS

Sioux

The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?

☐ Southeast America ☒ Northern Great Plains

☐ Mexico ☐ Southwest America

2) Which animal did they follow?

☐ giraffe ☐ bird

☐ rat ☒ buffalo

3) Which animals did they hunt?

☐ bison ☐ deer

☐ elk ☒ all of these

Name: Samira Women's History LS

Maya Lin

Maya won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Her design was a black, granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?

She won a design contest for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2) Who gave her an award?

President Barack Obama gave her an award

3) What was her design?

Her design was a black

DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES BLACK HISTORY BUNDLE!

Name: Samantha Black History Heroes LS

Michael Jordan

He was a leader

What I learned: Martin Luther King Jr. led nonviolent marches for the rights to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights.

Is the word below a noun, verb, or adjective? noun

MARCHING (noun, verb, adjective)

Is the statement true or false? True

Martin was a leader of civil rights movement

Michelle Obama

sketball player

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