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Study Guide

Review this study guide thoroughly. Familiarize yourself with the content in each paragraph.

The competition will feature five categories with eight questions each. The five categories are as follows:

African American Inventions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Who Am I? (A photo category), Music, and Newspapers & Magazines

If you are unable to find an answer or need clarification, feel free to contact me.

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Inventions

African American inventors have revolutionized the globe. Did you know that _____ was the first African American woman to receive a U.S. patent? She earned this patent in 1885 when she invented the folding bed. Nearly 100 years later, Marie Van Brittan Brown followed in her footsteps when she received a patent for the home _____.

Did you know that when Thomas Edison could not figure out how to make his light bulb last for more than 12.5 hours, he put together a team of inventors? _____ was the youngest and only African American inventor to be a part of this team. It was his invention of the carbon light filament that allows us to have the lights that we have in our homes today. He also holds a patent for toilets on trains.

Speaking of trains, did you know that an inventor named Granville T. Woods owns more than 60 patents, mostly associated with trains? His most popular patents deal with communication from train-to-train and train-to-stations. Not to be outdone is _____. He invented parts for trains that made them run longer, faster, and more efficiently. His competitors would attempt to create knockoff products that resembled his. When customers wanted quality they could trust, they would ask the person selling the products, "Is this the real McCoy?"

Everyone on the planet interacts with items that have been invented by African Americans. Virtually everyone reading this can thank scientist



Joseph H. Smith. He created the lawn _____, which waters our lawns efficiently and effectively. William Purvis invented an updated version of the _____, which writers and artists use every day. We can not forget young Jan Matzlinger. This man from Suriname created the Shoe Lasting Machine. This patent revolutionized shoe production around the globe!

There are even African American inventions that save lives every day.

_____ invented the street light that controls traffic around the globe. Did you know that he also has a patent for the modern-day gas mask? On July 24, 1916, Waterworks personnel working under Lake Erie were personally saved by this inventor while using the mask. Sadly, the papers did not give him credit for saving these lives because of racism. Years later, he was acknowledged for his heroic act and given his proper accolades.

HBCUs

The first Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs) that many people learned about in the late 1980s and early 1990s was Hillman College; the fictional HBCU showcased on the hit show A Different World. Historically Black colleges and universities are institutions of higher learning that were established in the mid 1800s in order to educate individuals of African descent who were no longer enslaved. Another segment of people that HBCUs were formed for are individuals of African descent who were formerly enslaved and those who were never enslaved but could not gain admission into segregated institutions. HBCUs makeup only 3% of the country's colleges and universities, but they produce nearly 20% of all African American graduates.



There were 121 HBCUs; however, today, that number has dropped to _____ (as of 2020). _____ University of Pennsylvania, which was founded in 1837 was the first HBCU; however, _____ University, which is located in _____ was the first Black-owned and operated HBCU.

In 2018 Dr. Ruth Simmons (Ph.D.) made headlines when this former Ivy League President (Brown University) became president at _____ A&M. As of 2019, Did you know that _____ College is the smallest HBCU with an undergraduate enrollment of 623 undergrads, and _____ A&T _____ University has the largest undergraduate enrollment, at 15,165. HBCUs are located in the middle of cities, rural areas, and everything else in between.

It is thought that _____ graduates more African American men in a single day than any other place on the planet on a single day. This HBCU is the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, Spike Lee and many other notable men. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife, Coretta Scott King, did her undergraduate work at an HBCU as well. She attended _____ University, located in New Orleans, Louisiana. This school is also where Khalid Muhammad, Andrew Young and P.B.S. Pinchback attended.

One can not mention HBCUs without acknowledging their positive social impact when it comes to the arts, culture, and society in general. Starting back in 1871 the _____ Singers began singing around the country, and eventually the world, in order to raise funds for their Nashville, TN, school. This acappella ensemble has sung at some of the most prestigious venues throughout the United States



and Europe. Also, in 2008 they received a National Medal of Arts, which is the highest honor given to artists and arts patrons by the United States government.

Speaking of music, Florida A&M University, affectionately known as _____ is renowned for its world-famous marching band known as the _____. In 2018 they performed at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. Their band is credited for innovating 30 marching band techniques that have become standard for high school and college bands across the globe. While there are no competitions that crown an official "best band" award, every year the Battle of the Bands takes place between Grambling State University and Southern University at an event known as the Bayou Classic. The audience weighs in on who they thought won all year long until the next competition.

One HBCU, located in this nation's capital, is known as "the Mecca." _____ University is one of the most well-funded HBCUs, and it boasts such graduates as Chadwick Bosman, Taraji P. Henson, Anthony Anderson, Thurgood Marshall, and Phylicia Rashad. Five of the historically Black Greek Lettered Organizations, known as the Divine Nine, were founded on this campus. It also produces the most Black doctorate recipients of any university.

HBCUs have been featured in Hollywood films too. _____ College was the scene of the movie, *The Great Debaters*.

HBCU _____ located in Maryland in 2016 was designated by The National Trust for Historic Preservation as a "national treasure"!



Who Am I?

Who Am I? A Photo Category - Be able to identify the following

Sojourner Truth	Aaliyah
Bill Withers	Jackie Robinson
Jack Johnson	Stevie Wonder
Imhotep	Robert Smalls
Paul Robeson	Issa Rae
Harriet Tubman	Nefertari
James Baldwin	Chancellor Williams
Ida B Wells	Whitney Houston
Runoko Rashidi	Marcus Garvey
Amanda Gorman	Charles Young
Jan Matzeliger	Zora Neale Hurston
Lupita Nyong'o	August Wilson

Newspapers and Magazines

Newspapers and magazines have held a place of high significance in African American homes for more than a century. On December 3, 1847, Frederick Douglass started a paper called the _____ . The first daily Black newspaper, The _____ Tribune, was first published in 1864. 1905 saw the start of the Chicago Defender, which still exists today. Over the decades, this phenomenal paper received writing contributions from Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Ida B. Wells. In 1928, the _____ was formed by Morehouse graduate, William Alexander Scott II, when he was only 26 years old. This paper made waves through the South. About five years after Scott began publishing the paper, he was assassinated. The oldest and most influential newspapers on the West Coast is the Los Angeles Sentinel.



The _____ can trace its roots back to the 1930's. This paper's origins begin with the then-leader of the Nation of Islam, Elijah Muhammad. Earl Graves Sr. and John H. Johnson are two titans when it comes to producing African American magazines. _____ Sr. started Black Enterprise magazine in the 1970s. Today his son, _____ Jr., who received his undergraduate degree from Yale and his graduate degree from Harvard, runs the magazine. J , Jet. These two magazines were staples in the African American community for decades. "Fierce, Fun, and Fabulous" is the slogan for Essence Magazine. This magazine is one of only a few magazines that cater primarily to an African American female audience. The _____, which started out as a newsletter in 1988 is the longest running rap periodical!

Music

Throughout every era, there have been artists and songs that struck a chord with the consciousness of many. For this category, an audio clip will be played for each question. You may be asked, "who is the artist who performed this song?" or "This song, sung by James Brown, appears on what album? Also, questions will be asked about the song's genre.

Genre	Artist	Song	Album	URL
Afro Beat	Fela Anikulapo Kuti	Zombie	Zombie	https://rb.gy/glnf07
Reggae	Bob Marley	Get Up, Stand Up	Burnin'	https://rb.gy/yxycla

Genre	Artist	Song	Album	URL
Soul	Donny Hathaway	Young, Gifted and Black	Everything Is Everything	https://rb.gy/n7ldg6
Blues	B.B. King	The Thrill Is Gone	Completely Well	https://rb.gy/wu2ojb
Acapella	Sweet Honey in the Rock	Ballad of Harry T. Moore	Raise Your Voice!	https://rb.gy/cmhqhp
Jazz	Hugh Masekela	Grazing in the Grass	The Promise of a Future	https://rb.gy/q841kj
Jazz	John Coltrane	My Favorite Things, Pt. 1	My Favorite Things	https://rb.gy/fwkfba
Gospel	Sister Rosetta Tharpe	Strange Things Happening Every Day		https://rb.gy/bseuke
R&B	Otis Redding	(Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay	The Dock of the Bay	https://rb.gy/ciqjyg
R&B	Sam Cooke	A change is gonna come	Ain't That Good News	https://rb.gy/uojabo
Soul	Nina Simone	Feeling Good	I Put a Spell on You	https://rb.gy/ukojjm

