

Black History Month Quiz

This quiz has been put together by the student council to recognise the achievements of black people.

1. Who discovered the United States?

- A. Christopher Columbus
- B. Native Americans
- C. Donald Trump



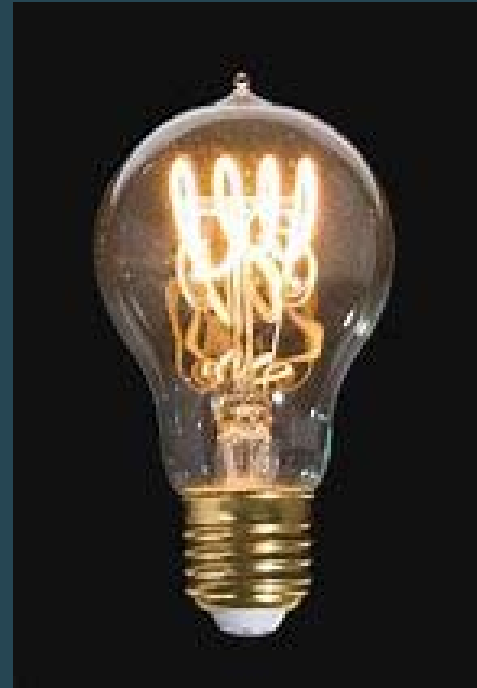
Answer

B. Native Americans

In 1429, Christopher Columbus came across North America; however, the continent was already home to millions of indigenous people. Initiated by this "discovery", Europeans quickly took over the land, setting up governments and forcing the original residents onto reservations or even taking their lives. Regardless, to this day, Columbus is still mistakenly credited for the discovery of North America.

2. Who perfected the invention of the first lightbulb?

- A. Thomas Edison
- B. Joseph Swan
- C. Lewis Latimer





Answer

C. Lewis Latimer

Lewis Latimer was a black inventor who created a filament made with more durable carbon as Thomas Edison's lightbulb burnt out quickly. He also obtained the licence to manufacture said filament in 1882 and then created the well-known threaded socket for the lightbulb. Although we use tungsten light bulbs now, Latimer played a vital role in making electric light possible to use.

3. Mary Seacole was a heroic nurse who famously dedicated her time as well as nearly all her savings to helping injured soldiers from which war?



- A. World War one
- B. The Boer War
- C. The Crimean war

Answer

C. Mary Seacole

Mary Seacole set up the British Hotel to help injured soldiers during The Crimean War. When Britain sent soldiers to war in Crimea, disease was more dangerous than the enemy, and thousands of soldiers died from it. Despite not being chosen to travel to Crimea, Mary went anyway, using her own money to pay for her journey. She set up a hotel right on the battlefield and sold hot meals and looked after wounded and sick soldiers.



4. In 1774 Ignatius Sancho became the first black man in Britain to...

- A. Vote in an election**
- B. Become a headteacher in a school**
- C. Play in an orchestra**



Answer

A. Ignatius Sancho

Ignatius Sancho was a writer, composer, shop owner, and devoted member of the movement who fought hard to end the slave trade. Because of his financially independent householder status, Ignatius Sancho was eligible to vote, and in 1774, he became the first black person of African origin to vote in parliamentary elections in Britain, voting twice in 1774 and again on the year of his death in 1780.

5. Who was the first black person to successfully perform open heart surgery?

- A. Daniel Williams
- B. Alexander Vishnevsky
- C. John Gibbon





Answer

A. Daniel Williams

Daniel Williams was an African American doctor who, in 1893, performed one of the first successful open-heart surgeries. Williams successfully sutured James Cornish's pericardium, the membranous sac enclosing the heart. As well as this, he also opened the first hospital with an interracial staff (Provident Hospital) in 1891.

Thanks for taking part!

**Thank you for taking part in our
Black History Month Quiz! Please fill
out the form on satchel one as we
are keen to see how you got on.**

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