# BLACK HERITAGE WEEKEND BRAINBOWL QUESTIONS Ages 7 - 12

#### **African American Firsts: Government**

Who was the 1st African American Officeholder in colonial America?	Matthias de Souza.
What year and what state did Matthias de Souza, the 1st African American	1641 & Maryland
office holder elected?	
Who was the 1st African American Municipal elected official?	John Mercer Langston
What year was John Mercer Langston, the 1st African American Municipal	1855
official elected?	
What city did John Mercer Langston represent?	Brownhelm Township in Ohio
Who was the 1st African American State Supreme Court Justice?	Jonathan Jasper Wright
What year was Jonathan Jasper Wright elected to the South Carolina Supreme	1870
Court?	
Who was the 1st African American U.S. Representative?	Joseph Rainey
What year was Joseph Rainey elected as US Representative?	1870.
What party did Joseph Rainey belong to?	Republican
Who was the 1st African American Governor that was appointed?	P.B.S. Pinchback
What year was P.B.S. Pinchback the 1st African American governor appointed?	1872
Who was the 1st elected African American Woman legislator?	Crystal Bird Fauset
What year was Crystal Bird Fauset the 1st African American Woman legislator	1938
elected?	
What state did Crystal Bird Fauset represent?	Pennsylvania
What State did P.B.S. Pinchback represent?	Louisiana
Who was the 1st African American Major party nominee for President and	Sen. Barack Obama, 2008
what year was he nominated?	
Who was the 1st elected African American Woman legislator?	Crystal Bird Fauset
What year was Crystal Bird Fauset the 1st African American Woman legislator	1938
elected?	
What state did Crystal Bird Fauset represent?	Pennsylvania
Who was the 1st African American U.S. cabinet member?	Robert C. Weaver
What year was Robert C Weaver the 1st African American U.S Cabinet member	1966
appointed?	
What was Robert Weaver's official title?	Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## **African American Firsts: Law**

Who was the 1st African American Admitted to the Bar?	Macon B. Allen
Who was the 1st African American Woman admitted to the bar?	Charlotte Ray
Who was the 1st African American Elected municipal judge?	Mifflin W. Gibbs
Who was the 1st African American Editor of the Harvard Law Review?	Charles Hamilton Houston
Who was the 1st African American Federal Judge?	William Henry Hastie
Who was the 1st African American Woman federal judge?	Constance Baker Motley
Who was the 1st African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice?	Thurgood Marshall
Who was the 1st African American President of the American Bar	Dennis Archer.
Association?	
Who was the 1st African American Federal Employee?	William Cooper Nell
What federal job did William Cooper Nell hold?	Clerk in a Boston Post Office
Who was the 1st African American Voter?	Thomas Peterson of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.
Who was the 1st African American that served as a New York City policeman?	Wiley G. Overton, 1891
Who was the 1st to discover the Watergate break-in?	Frank Willis, an African American Security Guard
Who was the 1st African American to give a Keynote speech before a	Barbara Jordan, July 1976
Democratic National Convention?	
Who was the 1st African American woman elected Mayor in Mississippi?	Unita Blackwell, 1976

# **African American Firsts: Diplomacy**

Who was the 1st African American U.S. ambassador?	Ebenezer D. Bassett
To what country was Ebenezer D Bassett an ambassador?	Haiti
Who was the 1st African American Nobel Peace Prize winner?	Ralph J. Bunche
Who was the 1st African American Woman U.S. ambassador?	Patricia Harris
Who was the 1st African American U.S. Representative to the UN?	Andrew Young, 1977.
Who was the youngest African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize?	Martin L. King

# **African American Firsts: Military**

What was the 1st African American U.S Army unit to have black men	1st Rhode Island Regiment
comprise more than half of its troops?	
Who was the 1st African American Commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy?	Robert Smalls
Who was the 1st African American Commissioned officer above the rank of	Major Martin R. Delany
Captain in the U.S. Army?	
Who was the 1st African American West Point graduate?	Henry O. Flipper
Who was the 1st African American Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy?	Wesley A. Brown.
Who was the 1st African American Congressional Medal of Honor winner?	Sgt. William H. Carney
Who was the 1st African American Combat pilot?	Eugene Jacques Bullard
Who was the 1st African American General?	Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.
Who was the 1st African American Woman general?	Hazel W. Johnson
Who was the 1st African American Woman to graduate from the U.S. Naval	Janie L. Mines
Academy?	
Who was the 1st African American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff?	Colin Powell
Who was the 1st African American Woman Rear Admiral in the United States	Lillian Fishburne
Navy?	
When did the US Naval accept the 1st African American?	September 1872
Who was the US Naval 1st African American?	James Henry Conyers
Who were the 1st African American Fighter Pilots in the US Air Force?	The Tuskegee Airmen
Who was the 1st African American soldier awarded the Congressional Medal	Milton Lee Olive III
of Honor in the Vietnam War?	
What did Milton Lee Olive III do to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor in	He threw himself on a grenade, sacrificing himself and to save the lives of
Vietnam?	his comrades.
Who was the 1st African American woman to command an Air Force Flying	Col Stayce Harris
Squadron?	

## **African American Firsts: Science and Medicine**

Who was the 1st African American Patent holder?	Thomas L. Jennings
Who was the 1st African American Physician?	James Derham 8
What year did Thomas L Jennings get his 1st patent?	1821
Who was the 1st African American Woman Dentist?	Ida Gray
Who was the 1st African American to earn a M.D. degree?	James McCune Smith
What was the 1st National Monument dedicated to an African American?	The George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri
When was the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond,	1953
Missouri dedicated?	
Who was the 1st African American to earn a M.D. degree from a U.S. Medical	David Jones Peck
School?	
Who was the 1st African American Woman to receive an M.D. degree?	Rebecca Lee Crumpler
What African American was the 1st to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science?	Clarence "Skip" Ellis
Who was the 1st African American Woman patent holder?	Judy Reed
What invention did Judy Reed get the patent for?	A "dough Kneader and roller
Who was the 1st African American Female Dental Surgeon?	Ida Gray Nelson Rollins
What was the name of the 1st Black-owned hospital?	Provident Hospital
Who founded the 1st Black owned hospital?	Daniel Hale Williams
What year was Provident Hospital, the 1st Black owned hospital founded?	1891
Who was the 1st African American Heart surgery pioneer?	Daniel Hale Williams
Who was the 1st African American Developer of the blood bank?	Dr. Charles Drew
Who was the 1st African American Member of the National Academy of	David Harold Blackwell
Sciences?	
Who was the 1st African American Astronaut?	Robert H. Lawrence, Jr.
Who was the 1st African American Implantation of heart defibrillator?	Levi Watkins, Jr.
Who was the 1st African American Astronaut to travel in space?	Guion Bluford
Who was the 1st African American Head of the National Science Foundation?	Walter E. Massey
Who was the 1st African American Woman astronaut?	Mae Jemison
Who was the 1st African American President of the American Medical	Lonnie Bristow
Association?	

# **African American Firsts: Scholarship**

Who was the 1st African American College graduate (B.A.)?	Alexander Lucius Twilight
Who was the 1st African American Graduate of an Ivy League School?	Theodore Sedgewick Wright
What year did Theodore S. Wright graduate from Princeton Theological	1828
Seminary?	
Who was the 1st African American College professor? Charles Lewis Reason	Charles Lewis Reason
Who was the 1st African American Woman to complete 4 years of collegiate	Lucy Stanton
study from a college?	
Who Was the 1st African American woman to earn a B.A. degree college?	Mary Jane Patterson
Who was the 1st African American College president?	Daniel A. Payne
What was the 1st African American Non-white public high school?	Paul Lawrence Dunbar High
Who was the 1st African American Ph.D.?	Edward A. Bouchet
Who was the 1st African American Elected to Phi Beta Kappa?	George Washington Henderson
Who was the 1st African American Rhodes scholar?	Alain L. Locke
Name 3 of the 1st African American Women Ph.D's?	Georgiana Simpson, Sadie Tanner Mossell and Eva Beatrice Dykes
Who was the 1st African American Ivy League University president?	Ruth Simmons
What year was Ruth Simmons assigned to Brown University, an Ivy League	2001
School?	
Who was the 1st African American to receive an honorary degree from	Booker T. Washington
Harvard?	

# African American Firsts: Newspapers and Other Print Media

What was the 1st African American Newspaper?	Freedom's Journal
Who published the 1st African American Magazine?	David Ruggles
What was the 1st African Daily newspaper?	New Orleans Tribune
Who started the 1st family-owned African American Newspaper?	John H. Murphy
What was the name of the 1st family-owned African American Newspaper?	The Afro-American
Who was the 1st African American War Correspondent?	Ralph W. Tyler
Who was the 1st African American Anchor of a TV Morning News Show?	Bryant Gumbel
What African American magazine is a Mass Circulation Magazine?	Ebony
What year did Ebony 1st appear?	1945
Who was Ebony's creator?	John H. Johnson
What other magazine did John H. Johnson publish?	Jet

#### **African American Firsts: Art and Literature**

Who was the 1st African American Poet?	Lucy Terry
Who was the 1st African American Published autobiography?	Briton Hammon
Who was the 1st African American Poet (published)?	Phyllis Wheatley
Who was the 1st African American Recognized artist?	Joshua Johnston
Who was the 1st African American Woman's autobiography?	Jarena Lee
Who was the 1st African American Male Novelist?	William Wells Brown
Who was the 1st African American Woman novelist?	Harriett Wilson
Who was the 1st African American Recognized photographer?	James Conway Farley
Who was the 1st African American Pulitzer Prize winner?	Gwendolyn Brooks
Who was the 1st African American Pulitzer Prize winner in Drama?	Charles Gordone
Who was the 1st African American Nobel Prize for Literature winner?	Toni Morrison
Who was the 1st African American Poet to read at a Presidential	Maya Angelou
Inauguration?	
What poem did Maya Angelou read at Bill Clinton's Inauguration?	"On the Pulse of Morning"
What poet was the 1st African American to pass the Florida Bar exam?	James Weldon Johnson
Who wrote the 1st Novel by an African American to be bought by Hollywood?	Frank Yerby

## **African American Firsts: Music and Dance**

What was the 1st African American Published musical composition?	Francis Johnson
What was the 1st African American Theatrical company?	The African Company.
Who is the 1st African American Nationally recognized dance performer?	William Henry Lane (Master Juba)
Who was the 1st African American Member of the New York City Opera?	Todd Duncan
Who was the 1st African American Member of the Metropolitan Opera	Marian Anderson
Company?	
What honor was given to Marian Anderson in 2005?	A commemorative stamp was issues in her honor.
Who was the 1st African American Male Grammy Award winner?	Count Basie
Who was the 1st African American Woman Grammy Award winner?	Ella Fitzgerald
Who was the 1st African American Principal dancer in a major dance	Arthur Mitchell
company?	
What was the 1st Singing Group to perform Spirituals throughout the world?	The Fisk Jubilee Singers
Who was the 1st Composer of Gospel Hymns?	Charles A. Tindley
Who was the 1st Great Jazz Composer?	Jelly Roll Morton
Who founded the 1st Gospel Publishing Company?	Thomas Dorsey
Who was the 1st African American vocalist to sing with a white orchestra?	Lena Horne
Who was the 1st African American Country Music Star?	Charley Pride

## **African American Firsts: Film and Theater**

What was the 1st African American film company?	Lincoln Motion Picture Company
Who was the 1st African American Film director?	Oscar Micheaux
Who was the 1st African American Oscar winner?	Hattie McDaniel
For what movie did Hattie McDaniels win her Oscar?	Gone with the Wind
Who was the 1st African American to earn an Honorary Oscar?	James Baskett
Who was the 1st African American Tony Award Winner?	Juanita Hall
What Broadway play did Juanita Hall win a Toy Award for?	South Pacific
Who was the 1st African American to win an Oscar for, Best Actor?	Sidney Poitier
Who was the 1st African American Director for a major Hollywood studio?	Gordon Parks
What African American Woman director for a major Hollywood Studio?	Julie Dash
Who was the 1st African American Oscar, Best Actress?	Dorothy Dandridge
What is the name of the film that Hallie Berry won an Oscar for?	Monster's Ball
Who was the 1st African American First President of the Academy of Motion	Cheryl Boone Isaacs
Picture Arts and Sciences (The Oscars)?	
Who was the 1st African American Hollywood Star?	Lincoln Theodore Monroe Andrew Perry better known as Stepin Fetchit
Who was the 1st African American Movie Cowboy?	Herb Jeffries

## **African American Firsts: Radio and Television**

Who was the 1st African American Network television show host?	Nat King Cole
Who was the 1st African American Star of a network television show?	Bill Cosby
What was the 1st African American Black-owned television station?	WGPR-TV
Who was the 1st African American Evening News Anchorman?	Max Robinson
Who was the 1st African American Radio broadcaster?	Jack L. Cooper
What was the 1st Black-owned radio station?	WERD
Who purchased the 1st Black owned radio station?	Jesse B. Blayton, Sr.
Where was the 1st Black owned radio station located?	Atlanta Georgia
What TV station was Max Robinson Anchor of?	ABC Evening News
Who was the 1st African American Woman television show host?	Oprah Winfrey
What did Oprah Winfrey do in January 2007, in Henley-on-Klip, South Africa?	Built The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls
What was the 1st all Black TV sitcom?	Amos & Andy
What was the 1st Black college to train radio engineers?	Howard University

# **African American Firsts: Sports**

Who was the 1st African American Jockey to Win Kentucky Derby?	Oliver Lewis
Who was the 1st African American Professional baseball player?	Moses Fleetwood Walker
Who was the 1st African American Professional Golfer?	John Matthew Shippen, Jr.
Who was the 1st African American World cycling champion?	Marshall W. "Major" Taylor
Who was the 1st African American Olympic medalist (Summer games)?	George Page
Who was the 1st African American Olympic gold medalist (Summer games)?	John Baxter "Doc" Taylor
Who was the 1st African American World Heavyweight boxing champion?	Jack Johnson
Who was the 1st African American NFL football coach? Fritz Pollard	Fritz Pollard
Who was the 1st African American Professional Race Car Driver?	Rajo Jack De Soto
Who was the 1st African American Olympic gold medalist (Summer games;	DeHart Hubbard
individual)?	
Who was the 1st African American Major league baseball player in the 20th	Jackie Robinson
Century?	
Who was the 1st African American Woman gold medalist (Summer games;	Alice Coachman
individual)?	
Who was the 1st African American NFL quarterback?	Willie Thrower
Who was the 1st African American Wimbledon tennis champion?	Althea Gibson
Who was the 1st African American NHL hockey player?	Willie O'Ree
Who was the 1st African American NASCAR stock car driver to win a major	Oliver Scott
race?	
Who was the 1st African American Male tennis champion?	Arthur Ashe
Who was the 1st African American Professional Bowlers Association	George Branham III
Champion?	
Who was the 1st African American Olympic medalist (Winter games)?	Debi Thomas
Who was the 1st African American Golf champion?	Tiger Woods
Who was the 1st African American Chess Grandmaster?	Maurice Ashley
Who was the 1st African American Olympic gold medalist (Winter games)?	Vonetta Flowers
Who was the 1st African American Olympic gold medalist (Winter games; individual)?	Shani Davis
Who is the 1st African American NFL coach to win a Super bowl?	Tony Dungy
Who was the 1st African American NBA coach to win a Championship?	Bill Russell

# **African American Firsts: Religion**

Who was the 1st African American Founder of the Baptist Church? David	Who was the 1st African American Founder of the Baptist Church? David
George	George
What was the name of the first African American Church? Silver Bluff Baptist	What was the name of the first African American Church? Silver Bluff Baptist
Church 23	Church 23
What was the name of 1st African American African Episcopal (AME) Church?	What was the name of 1st African American African Episcopal (AME) Church?
Mother Bethel AME Church, 1794	Mother Bethel AME Church, 1794
Where is Mother Bethel AMEC located? Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Where is Mother Bethel AMEC located? Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
What was the 1st Church-Sponsored African American College? Wilberforce	What was the 1st Church-Sponsored African American College? Wilberforce
University	University
What year was Wilberforce founded? 1856	What year was Wilberforce founded? 1856
Where is Wilberforce located? <b>Ohio</b>	Where is Wilberforce located? <b>Ohio</b>
What is the name of the 1st African American Episcopal Church Bishop?	What is the name of the 1st African American Episcopal Church Bishop?
James Theodore Holly	James Theodore Holly
Who founded the 1st African American Pentecostal Faith Revival? William J.	Who founded the 1st African American Pentecostal Faith Revival? William J.
Seymour	Seymour
What was the name of the 1st African American Pentecostal church? Azusa	What was the name of the 1st African American Pentecostal church? Azusa
Street Revival	Street Revival
What was the name of the National Black Catholic Fraternal Order?	Knights of St. Peter Claver
Who was the 1st African American Woman Bishop in the Episcopal (Anglican)	Barbara Harris
Church?	
When was Barbara Harris, the 1st African American Episcopal Bishop chosen?	1989
Who was the 1st African American Woman Bishop of the African Methodist	Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Episcopal (AME) Church?	
What year was Bishop Vashti McKenzie elected?	2000
Who was the 1st President of the Southern Baptist Convention?	Fred Luter, Jr.
What year was Fred Luter Jr, the 1st President of the Southern Baptist	2012
Convention chosen?	
Who was the 1st African American Chaplin commissioned in the Army?	Bishop Henry McNeal Turner
Who was the 1st African American to head a predominantly white religious	Rev William G. Sinkford
denomination?	
Who was the 1st African American Chaplin at Yale University?	Rev Frederick Jerome Streets

## **African American Firsts: Business and Labor**

Who were the 1st African American Landowners?	Anthony and Mary Johnson 25
What was the name of the 1st African American Black-owned insurance	The African Insurance Company
company?	
What was the name of the 1st Black Labor Union?	American League of Colored Laborers
What was the name of the 1st Black-owned Bank?	True Reformers Bank
What was the name of the 1st Black-owned resort?	Highland Beach, Maryland
When did the 1st Black owned resort The Highland Beach Resort open?	1893
Who was the 1st African American Millionaire?	Robert Abbott
How did Robert Abbot, the 1st African American Millionaire make his money?	He founded the newspaper The Chicago Defender
What was the 1st African American Automobile manufacturing company?	C.R. Patterson & Sons
What was the name of the 1st African American Black-owned Youth Camp?	Camp Atwater
Who was the founder of the 1st Black-owned metropolitan newspaper?	Robert Maynard
What was its name of the 1st Black owned metropolitan newspaper?	The Oakland Tribune
Who was the 1st African American Billionaire?	Robert Johnson, 2001
What did Robert Johnson own?	Black Entertainment Television

## **Other African American Firsts**

Who was the 1st African American Explorer of the North Pole?	Matthew Henson
What year did Matthew Henson explore the North Pole?	1909
Who was the 1st African American Secret Service Agent?	Charles LeRoy Gittens
Who was the 1st African American Licensed Pilot?	Bessie Coleman
Who was the 1st African American Explorer of the South Pole?	George Gibbs
When did George Gibbs explore the South Pole?	1939–1941
Who was the 1st African American Captain of an American Merchant Marine	Hugh Mulzac
ship?	
Who was the 1st African American Pilot for a commercial airline?	Perry Young, Jr.
What was the name of the airline that Perry Young, the 1st African American	New York Airways
commercial pilot worked for?	
Who was the 1st African American Flight Attendant?	Ruth Carol Taylor
Who was the 1st African American President of Girl Scouts, USA?	Gloria Dean Randall Scott
Who was the 1st African American Woman commercial airline pilot?	Jill Elaine Brown
Who was the 1st African American Miss America?	Vanessa Williams
Who was the 1st African American to sail solo around the world?	William Pinkney
Who was the 1st African American Miss USA?	Carole Ann-Marie Gist

Who was the 1st African American President of the National League of Women Voters?	Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins
Who was the 1st African American President of the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)?	Lois Jean White
Who was the 1st African American to fly around the world?	Barrington Irving
Who was the 1st African American female Explorer, North Pole?	Barbara Hillary
Who was the African American that is 2nd in command now for HUD and was appointed as Deputy Secretary of that agency by President Barack Obama in 2009?	Ronald Cordell Sims
Who was NASA's 1st permanent black administrator that was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009?	Charles Frank Bolden Jr.
Who was the 1st African American woman to serve as the National Security Advisor and was appointed by President Barack Obama?	Susan Rice
Who is the 1st and only female buffalo soldier, who also was the only documented African American woman to serve in the regular army in the 19th century?	Cathay Williams
Who was the 1st African American woman to charter and form a bank in the US?	Maggie Lena Walker

## **AME HISTORY**

The AMEC grew out of the Free African Society (FAS)	TRUE
The AMEC was established in 1786	FALSE
Richard Allen walked out of St Matthews Church when officials pulled blacks	FALSE
off their knees while praying.	
In 1794 Bethel AME was dedicated with Richard Allen as pastor.	TRUE
In 1807 & 1815 Richard Allen sued and lost the right of his congregation to	FALSE
exist as an independent institution.	
Richard Allen and others met in a barn to have service.	FALSE
Bishop Edward Waters established the Canada Annual Conference.	FALSE
By 1880 membership of the AME church reached 400,000 because of its rapid	TRUE
spread below the Mason-Dixon Line.	
The AME Church was established in 2 continents when Bishop Henry M.	TRUE
Turner pushed African Methodism into Liberia and Sierra Leone and South	
Africa.	
The General Conference meets every 4 years at the place of its beginning,	FALSE
Mother Bethel in Philadelphia.	
Anybody can vote on changes in the discipline at the general Conference.	FALSE
Delegates to the General conference are elected by their Annual Conference	TRUE
delegates.	
The Council of Bishops meets every 4 years during the time of the General	FALSE
Conference.	
The Board of Incorporators is also known as the General Board of Trustees.	TRUE
The Judicial Council members are elected to the Council.	TRUE
"African" in African Methodist Episcopal means that only persons of color can	FALSE
be a member and hold office.	
The African Methodist Episcopal Church is governed by rules and regulations.	TRUE
The Chief Executives of the AME Church are the Bishops.	TRUE
Bishops are appointed by the Council of Bishops.	FALSE
The Apostle's Creed is what AME's believe.	TRUE
AME's do not believe in the Holy Trinity.	FALSE
The African Methodist Episcopal members believe in 23 Articles of Faith.	FALSE
The AME Motto is God the Father, Christ the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit the	FALSE
Comforter, Man and Woman the Family.	
The 11th Episcopal District has 7 Conferences.	FALSE