

TEST – AFRICAN AMERICANS

1. How many African Americans live in the United States today ? **about 40 million**
2. Where do they mostly live ? **in the southern states and large cities**
3. Who brought African slaves to the New World ? **European traders**
4. What kind of work did they do ? **laborers on cotton and tobacco plantations, maids, house servants for white masters**
5. What does the term “Free Blacks” mean ? **they lived and worked in American cities but had few rights**
6. Who was the American President during the Civil War ? **Abraham Lincoln**
7. Why is the Emancipation Proclamation an important document ? **it abolished slavery**
8. How did Black people live after the Civil War ? **although officially free they still lived in poverty , were sharecroppers , no right to vote**
9. Name a few examples of segregation . **schools, churches, buses**
10. How were Ku Klux Klan members dressed ? **in white robes with white hoods**
11. When and why did Black Americans start moving to northern cities ? **after World War I because they wanted a better life with better jobs**
12. When did the Civil Rights Movement start ? **after World War II, the beginning of the 1950s**
13. What important decision did the Supreme Court make in 1954? **they ruled that segregation in education was unconstitutional**
14. Who was Rosa Parks? **refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus**
15. When was the Civil Rights Act passed ? **1964**
16. What were the main differences between Martin Luther King and Black Power leaders ? **Martin Luther King wanted to fight in a non-violent way, Black Power leaders were more radical and violent**
17. What happened during the 1968 Olympic Games? **two American medal winners demonstrated for Black Power during the ceremony**
18. Name a few Americans who became famous politicians? **Barack Obama, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell**
19. Name a few sports in which Blacks have dominated? **boxing, basketball**
20. How would you describe the situation of Black Americans today? **have made improvements in all areas of life; discrimination still exists in some areas, average income is lower, unemployment is higher**