

# ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE USA

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### Round 1

1a	Black surgeon Daniel Hale Williams performed the first successful surgery to repair <b>what protective double-walled sac</b> ? It contains the roots of the five Great Vessels of the circulatory system.	<u>PERICARDIUM</u>
1b	<b>What Coloradan actress</b> was the first black woman to win the Best Supporting Actress Oscar, for playing Mammy in 1939's <i>Gone with the Wind</i> ?	HATTIE <u>MCDANIEL</u>
2a	"Carolina gold" was a variant of <b>what staple crop</b> grown by enslaved people on coastal plantations in South Carolina and Georgia?	<u>RICE</u>
2b	Performing in <i>Aida</i> in 1955, <b>what baritone</b> was the first black man to sing a lead role at New York's Metropolitan Opera? His son was also a singer, albeit in a very different genre.	ROBERT <u>MCFERRIN, SR.</u>
3a	Chimamanda Adichie included fictional blog posts in <b>what 2013 novel</b> , in which a Nigerian named Ifemelu attends college in the United States?	<u>AMERICANAH</u>
3b	At the 1948 London games, Alice Coachman became the first black American woman to win an Olympic gold medal by prevailing in <b>what athletics event</b> ?	<u>HIGH JUMP</u> (do not accept "long jump" or "triple jump")
4a	The African <i>fufu</i> is an ancestor of <b>what Puerto Rican dish</b> , made by mashing fried plantains together with garlic and pork rinds?	<u>MOFONGO</u>
4b	Edward Brooke, the first black man to serve a full term as a U.S. Senator, represented <b>what state</b> ? Another black man, Mo Cowan, became its interim senator after a 2013 Cabinet confirmation.	<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>

### Round 2

1a	Andrew Batchelor, a.k.a. King Bach ["batch"], called himself the "King of" <b>what defunct app</b> , whose users posted six-second repeating videos? Its owner, Twitter, killed it in 2016.	<u>VINE</u>
1b	<b>What 1993 rap song by KRS-ONE</b> uses the onomatopoeia "Whoop! Whoop!" to represent the title law enforcement signal? It claims the word "officer" derives from "overseer."	<u>SOUND OF DA POLICE</u> (accept answers with "THE" for "DA")
2a	<b>What Harlem Renaissance poet</b> with an alliterative name compared the Greek underworld to a God who would "make a poet black" in his sonnet "Yet Do I Marvel"?	COUNTEE <u>CULLEN</u>
2b	In the 90s, NBA player Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf refused to stand for <b>what sporting event ritual</b> ? San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick more recently kneeled during it.	<u>NATIONAL ANTHEM</u> (accept the singing of "THE <u>STAR-SPANGLED BANNER</u> ")
3a	In 2009, President Obama toured a "Door of No Return" at Cape Coast Castle, a former slave trade fort near Elmina Castle in <b>what African country</b> ? The Akan people are its plurality ethnic group today.	<u>GHANA</u>
3b	Protest medallions reading "AM I NOT A MAN AND BROTHER?" were sold <i>en masse</i> to abolitionists by the pottery business of <b>what British family</b> ?	<u>WEDGWOOD</u>
4a	At NIH, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett's research on coronaviruses led to the development of vaccines based on <b>what bio-molecule</b> ? Both of the currently FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines inject it into you.	<u>MESSENGER RNA</u> [or <u>mRNA</u> ; prompt on <u>RNA</u> or <u>RIBONUCLEIC ACID</u> ]
4b	<b>What film</b> directed by Kasi Lemmons focuses on the Louisiana Creole Batiste family? Its title character walks in on her doctor dad committing adultery.	<u>EVE'S BAYOU</u>

### Round 3

1a	The San Francisco nightclub act "Al and Rita" was an early outing for <b>what choreographer</b> , who founded a namesake American Dance Theater? The dancers wear yellow in his piece <i>Revelations</i> .	ALVIN <u>AILEY</u>
1b	Tyler Smith, a black man and former Stanford athlete, designed the logo for <b>what West Coast professional sports team</b> ? The depicted creature carries a key piece of sports equipment in its teeth.	<u>SAN JOSE SHARKS</u> (prompt on partial answer)
2a	Howard University intellectual Alain LeRoy Locke promoted <b>what philosophy</b> , the belief that multiple value systems can coexist in a society without deeming one superior to the others?	VALUE <u>PLURALISM</u> (or CULTURAL <u>RELATIVISM</u> ; accept word forms)
2b	<b>What radical group</b> , co-founded by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in 1960s Oakland, California, made demands for free housing and guaranteed income in its "Ten-Point Program"?	<u>BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE</u> (or <u>BLACK PANTHERS</u> )
3a	David Blackwell, the first black professor of statistics at UC-Berkeley, also wrote the first statistics textbook based on <b>what eponymous interpretation of probability</b> ?	<u>BAYESIAN</u> (accept any answer indicating <u>BAYES'</u> THEOREM or the work of THOMAS <u>BAYES</u> )
3b	On the 1990s WB sitcom <i>Family Matters</i> , Steve Urkel used two four-word catchphrases to disclaim responsibility for embarrassing mishaps. Give <b>either of Urkel's four-word catchphrases</b> .	" <u>DID I DO THAT?</u> " or " <u>LOOK WHAT YOU DID</u> "
4a	Baldwin Hills is among the affluent neighborhoods called "Black Beverly Hills" in and around <b>what large West Coast city</b> ? Its first black mayor, Tom Bradley, ran it for 20 years.	<u>LOS ANGELES</u> , CALIFORNIA
4b	<b>What blues guitarist</b> allegedly sold his soul to the Devil at a Mississippi Delta crossroads to get his musical talent? Before dying at age 27, he recorded "Cross Road Blues" and "Terraplane Blues".	ROBERT <u>JOHNSON</u>

### Round 4

1a	After the Civil War, black cowboys rode a cattle trail named for <b>what Missouri town</b> , where Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" was first published?	<u>SEDALIA</u>
1b	<b>What fugitive from slavery</b> got a nickname from the unusual way in which he got himself from Richmond, Virginia to Philadelphia in March 1849? You may give either his surname or his nickname	HENRY "BOX" <u>BROWN</u> or " <u>BOX</u> " (He shipped himself in a sealed wooden box.)
2a	Katherine Johnson was among the black women who worked as so-called "computers" for <b>what government agency</b> ? John Glenn relied upon Johnson's calculations.	<u>NASA</u> (or <u>NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION</u> )
2b	<b>What woman</b> , a former Emmy-winning writer on <i>The Chris Rock Show</i> , released her comedy special <i>Not Normal</i> on Netflix in 2019?	WANDA <u>SYKES</u>
3a	<i>The Brownies' Book</i> was a short-lived children's magazine affiliated with <b>what periodical</b> , founded in 1910 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People?	<u>THE CRISIS</u>
3b	<b>What woman</b> , whose many hit singles of the late 1970s include "Hot Stuff," "Last Dance," and "Bad Girls," is often given the title "Queen of Disco"?	DONNA <u>SUMMER</u>
4a	<b>What photographer</b> published her <i>Kitchen Table</i> series, a set of black-and-white domestic photographs of African-American families, in 1990?	CARRIE MAE <u>WEEMS</u>
4b	In 1920, Fritz Pollard became the first black man to hold <b>what job</b> ? Later black ones included Dennis Green and Art Shell, and the three current black ones include Mike Tomlin and David Culley.	<u>NFL HEAD COACH</u> (or <u>HEAD COACH</u> of a team in the NATIONAL <u>FOOTBALL LEAGUE</u> ; prompt on <u>COACH</u> , <u>FOOTBALL COACH</u> , etc.)

HALF TIME – TEAMS SWITCH

### Round 5

1a	Alain LeRoy Locke wrote letters back and forth with Shoghi Effendi, a long-time leader of <b>what faith?</b> Locke low-key converted from Christianity to this faith in the 1920s.	<b>BAHA'I FAITH</b> (accept <b>BAHA'ISM</b> )
1b	On the 1970s CBS sitcom <i>Good Times</i> , Jimmie Walker's character J.J. Evans used <b>what three-syllable catchphrase</b> to exclaim that something is amazingly good?	<b>"DY-NO-MITE!"</b>
2a	The San Francisco nightclub act "Al and Rita" was an early outing for <b>what poet and memoirist</b> , whose works include "Still I Rise" and <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> ?	MAYA <b>ANGELOU</b> (or MARGUERITE ANNIE <b>JOHNSON</b> )
2b	<b>What blues guitarist and singer</b> moved from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago in 1943, before recording songs such as "Mannish Boy," "Hoochie Coochie Man," and "I Just Want to Make Love to You"?	<b>MUDDY WATERS</b> (or MCKINLEY <b>MORGANFIELD</b> )
3a	Black statistician Kimberly F. Sellers made software packages implementing the Conway-Maxwell Poisson distribution for the "Comprehensive" "Archive Network" of <b>what programming language?</b>	<b>R</b> (do not accept "S")
3b	<b>What Black Canadian hockey player</b> , on the San Jose Sharks since 2018, co-founded the Hockey Diversity Alliance in June 2020 to oppose systemic racism in the sport?	EVANDER <b>KANE</b> (do not accept "Patrick Kane")
4a	Many affluent black neighborhoods lie in Prince George's County, east of <b>what mid-Atlantic city?</b> Its long-time mayor Marion Barry won a fourth term after his arrest in a drug sting.	<b>WASHINGTON, DC</b> (or <b>DC</b> ; or <b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b> )
4b	The Black Panthers' Ten-Point Program demanded <b>how many acres</b> and mules for each family, a broken Civil War promise to freedmen? Spike Lee named his production company for the same idea.	<b>40 ACRES AND A MULE</b> (or <b>40 ACRES AND TWO MULES</b> )

### Round 6

1a	In 2013, President Obama toured a "Door of No Return" at the House of Slaves on Gorée Island, off the coast of <b>what African country?</b> The Wolof people are its plurality ethnic group today.	<b>SENEGAL</b>
1b	In 1975, as Donna Summer's career was beginning, the National Association of Discotheque Disc Jockeys bestowed the title "Queen of the Discos" on <b>what singer of "I Will Survive"?</b>	GLORIA <b>GAYNOR</b>
2a	W.E.B. DuBois ["doo-BOYZ"] wrote a column for kids in <i>The Brownies' Book</i> named for <b>what avian four-word phrase</b> , used to indicate the shortest distance between points irrespective of real-world obstacles?	<b>"AS THE CROW FLIES"</b>
2b	<b>What film</b> directed by Julie Dash focuses on the Gullah-Geechee Peasant family, who question whether to leave their Sea Islands home? Its narrator is an unborn child.	<b>DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST</b>
3a	<b>What Harlem Renaissance poet</b> described black crowds "pressed to the wall ... but fighting back" in his sonnet "If We Must Die?" Born in Jamaica, he also wrote the novels <i>Banana Bottom</i> and <i>Home to Harlem</i> .	CLAUDE <b>MCKAY</b>
3b	Protest signs reading "I <b>AM</b> A MAN" were held <i>en masse</i> during <b>what labor demonstration</b> , which Martin Luther King Jr. aided just before his death? City and type of laborer required.	<b>MEMPHIS SANITATION STRIKE</b> (accept answers with synonyms like <b>GARBAGE WORKERS</b> )
4a	Black NASA astronaut Ronald McNair was slated to record a saxophone solo from space aboard <b>which Space Shuttle</b> , but died when it exploded after liftoff in January 1986?	SPACE SHUTTLE <b>CHALLENGER</b>
4b	The firing of black NFL head coach Tony Dungy ["DUHN-jee"] inspired <b>what eponymous hiring policy</b> , in which the team must interview at least one candidate of color before making any management hire?	<b>ROONEY RULE</b>

Round 7

1a	Chimamanda Adichie released a nonfiction book claiming <i>We Should All Be</i> <b>what type of person?</b> The Beyoncé song “***Flawless” sampled Adichie’s TED Talk defining this word.	<b>FEMINISTS</b>
1b	At the 2002 Salt Lake City games, Vionetta Flowers became the first black American woman to win a Winter Olympic gold medal as part of a team in <b>what event?</b>	<b>TWO-WOMAN BOBSLEIGH</b> (accept <b>BOBSLEDDING</b> ; do not accept "luge" or "skeleton")
2a	Black medical aide Vivien Thomas helped perform the first open-heart surgery to rectify <b>what congenital heart defect?</b> It can prominently discolor an infant's skin.	<b>BLUE BABY SYNDROME</b> (or <b>TETRALOGY OF FALLOT</b> )
2b	Carol Moseley Braun, the first black woman to serve as a U.S. Senator, represented <b>what state?</b> It has had a record-setting 3 black senators so far.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>
3a	Along with tobacco, <b>what plant</b> grown by enslaved people was the major cash crop of pre-Civil War Kentucky? Federal law made it effectively illegal to grow it in the state from 1970 to 2014.	<b>HEMP</b> (or <b>CANNABIS SATIVA</b> ; accept <b>HEMP ROPE</b> ; anti-prompt [ask "Can you be less specific?"] on <b>MARIJUANA</b> , <b>POT</b> , <b>HASHISH</b> , etc.)
3b	<b>What Ohio-born biracial actress</b> was the first black woman to win the Best Actress Oscar, for 2001's <i>Monster's Ball</i> ?	<b>HALLE BERRY</b>
4a	The African <i>fufu</i> is an ancestor of <b>what Dominican Republic dish</b> , made by mashing NON-fried boiled plantains and sometimes drizzling them with oil or butter?	<b>MANGU</b>
4b	Decades before McFerrin, Elizabeth Greenfield sang arias for Queen Victoria. Greenfield had <b>what avian nickname</b> , which reflects the improbability of her career as an African-American singer?	<b>BLACK SWAN</b> [prompt on swan]

Round 8

1a	At NIH, Dr. William Coleman led efforts on racial health disparities after years researching <b>what spiral-shaped bacterium</b> , a major cause of stomach ulcers? We need a scientific name, including at least the first letter of its genus.	<b>HELICOBACTER PYLORI</b>
1b	<b>What fugitive from slavery</b> took over the Confederate steamship <i>Planter</i> to escape via Charleston Harbor in 1862? He later joined the Union Navy and served in Congress during Reconstruction.	<b>ROBERT SMALLS</b>
2a	After the Civil War, black cowboys rode from Fort Belknap, Texas on <b>what doubly-eponymous cattle trail</b> , whose name sounds like a double entendre? It ran through New Mexico up to Denver, and later to Cheyenne, Wyoming.	<b>GOODNIGHT-LOVING TRAIL</b>
2b	As their national anthem played, Tommie Smith and John Carlos made <b>what gesture of protest</b> on the medalists' podium for the 200-meter dash at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics?	<b>BLACK POWER SALUTE</b> (accept any answer indicating a <b>RAISED GLOVED FIST</b> and bowed head for the duration of the anthem)
3a	Then 16-year-old Vine user Kayla Newman popularized a black slang term by proudly describing her eyebrows with <b>what two-word phrase?</b>	<b>"ON FLEEK"</b>
3b	The 1988 rap song "Fuck tha Police" is structured as a trial set in "N.W.A. Court", with <b>what specific rapper</b> presiding over the trial?	<b>JUDGE DRE</b> (or <b>DOCTOR DRE</b> ; or <b>ANDRE ROMELLE YOUNG</b> )
4a	<b>What long-time photographer</b> for <i>LIFE</i> magazine captured images of black poverty for the 1956 story "The Restraints: Open and Hidden"? He later photographed civil rights leaders for the magazine.	<b>GORDON PARKS</b>
4b	<b>What woman</b> , a co-star of the film <i>Girls Trip</i> , released her comedy special <i>Black Mitzvah</i> on Netflix in 2019?	<b>TIFFANY HADDISH</b>

**Spare Questions**

1	<b>What artist</b> depicted the movement of millions of southern blacks to Northern cities in his 60-painting <i>Migration</i> series?	JACOB <b>LAWRENCE</b>
2	George Washington Carver carried out his experiments on crops like peanuts and sweet potatoes at <b>what Alabama institute</b> founded by Booker T. Washington?	<b>TUSKEGEE</b> INSTITUTE (accept <b>TUSKEGEE</b> UNIVERSITY)
3	<b>What contemporary author</b> wrote about black families in the Gulf Coast region of Mississippi in her novels <i>Salvage the Bones</i> and <i>Sing, Unburied, Sing</i> ?	JESMYN <b>WARD</b>
4	A chorus of children answers black history trivia questions at the end of "Black Man," an 8-and-a-half-minute-long song by <b>what musician</b> ?	STEVIE <b>WONDER</b> (or STEVLAND HARDAWAY <b>JUDKINS</b> ; or STEVLAND HARDAWAY <b>MORRIS</b> )