



Black Histories & Futures Jeopardy!

Prompts

Arts & Entertainment

\$400: This singer, songwriter, and actress led the best-charting female music group in history. In 1976, *Billboard* named her the "Female Entertainer of the Century."

\$800: In 1968, she became the first Black American woman to star in her own weekly sitcom, *Julia*.

\$1200: This "High Priestess of Soul" was born in Tryon, North Carolina in 1933. She trained as a classical pianist but later gained fame as a singer and civil rights activist.

\$1600: This dancer, director, and choreographer founded his own dance company in 1958, which fused elements of modern dance, ballet, and jazz. His signature work, *Revelations*, is an interpretation of Black American history and is one of the most widely performed ballets in the world.

\$2000: This opera diva performed "*La Marseillaise*" at the 200th anniversary commemoration of the French Revolution in 1989. Other performance accolades include two presidential inaugurations, an Olympics opening ceremony, and a birthday celebration for Queen Elizabeth II.

History & Politics

\$400: In February 1960, four college students staged a sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter in this North Carolina city, which has since become home to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

\$800: In 1954, as NAACP chief counsel, he successfully argued for the desegregation of public schools before the United States Supreme Court. Thirteen years later, in 1967, he became the first African-American justice to serve on the nation's high court.

\$1200: Believed by many historians to be the oldest African-American holiday, this "second independence day" commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. It was recognized as a federal holiday by act of the U.S. Congress in 2021.

\$1600: This term describes the mass movement of people which took place between 1916 and 1970, during which time an estimated six million Black Americans left their homes in the rural South and moved to cities in the urban North, Midwest, and West.

\$2000: With her opening statement to the House Judiciary Committee during the 1974 impeachment process against President Richard M. Nixon, this Texas congresswoman delivered what is now regarded as one of the greatest speeches of the 20th century.

Literature

\$400: Writers Ta-Nehisi Coates, Roxane Gay, and Yona Harvey have all written original stories that contributed to the larger mythos of this comic book hero.

\$800: In 1995, this author added to her extensive list of awards and honors by becoming the first science fiction writer ever to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.

\$1200: This *Notes of a Native Son* author and civil rights activist's FBI file contained a whopping 1,884 pages—the largest case the U.S. federal agency ever compiled on any writer.

\$1600: Unsatisfied with her publisher's limited advertising for her debut novel, this writer mailed thousands of promotional letters at her own expense. Five years later, her blockbuster third novel, *Waiting to Exhale*, sold more than three million copies.

\$2000: This writer and professor is the only woman and the only African American to twice win the National Book Award for Fiction. She won for her novels *Salvage the Bones* (2011) and *Sing, Unburied, Sing* (2017).

Science & Innovation

\$400: This physician and engineer became the first Black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard NASA's Space Shuttle *Endeavor* in 1992.

\$800: This 2016 book and its film adaptation chronicle the careers of mathematicians Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan, who worked as "computers" (then a job description) at NACA and NASA during the U.S.-Soviet space race.

\$1200: In his laboratory at the Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver used these starchy vegetables to develop stamp glue.

\$1600: This native of Hurdle Mills, North Carolina is an immunologist and infectious disease expert who acted as the scientific lead on the NIH's Vaccine Research Center Coronavirus Team. In 2021, *TIME* named her one of four "Heroes of the Year" for her work in designing the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein for use in mRNA vaccine technology.

\$2000: George Franklin Grant was not only the first African-American member of the Harvard faculty, but in 1899 he received a U.S. patent for this essential piece of sporting equipment.

Sports

\$400: This baseball right fielder, nicknamed "the Hammer," broke Babe Ruth's home run record on April 8, 1974.

\$800: This sprinter's world records in the women's 100- and 200-meter dash events have remained unbroken since 1988, making her the fastest woman in recorded history.

\$1200: In 1988, Debi Thomas became the first Black American to win a medal at the Winter Olympic Games, competing in this event.

\$1600: In 1987, he became the first Black quarterback to lead an NFL team to a Super Bowl Championship. He was also voted MVP.

\$2000: With her wins in both the singles and doubles tournaments at the 1956 French Open, she became the first Black American to win a grand slam event in tennis.

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Architecture & Design

In 1902, Julian Abele became the first African-American graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Architecture. He contributed to many famous designs throughout his career, but is perhaps best known as the chief designer and planner of this North Carolina university's gothic revivalist west campus, where a quad was renamed in his honor in 2016.

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Answers

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- \$2000: Jessye Norman

History & Politics

- \$400: Greensboro
- \$800: Thurgood Marshall
- \$1200: Juneteenth
- \$1600: The Great Migration
- \$2000: Barbara Jordan

Literature

- \$400: Black Panther
- \$800: Octavia Butler
- \$1200: James Baldwin
- \$1600: Terry McMillan
- \$2000: Jesmyn Ward

Science & Innovation

- \$400: Mae Jemison
- \$800: *Hidden Figures*
- \$1200: Sweet potatoes
- \$1600: Kizzmekia Corbett
- \$2000: Golf tee

Sports

- \$400: Hank Aaron
- \$800: Florence Griffith-Joyner (Flo-Jo)
- \$1200: Figure skating
- \$1600: Doug Williams
- \$2000: Althea Gibson

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Architecture & Design

Duke University

Want to learn more about these events and icons?

Here are some library recommendations...

Arts & Entertainment

Diana Ross

Book: *This is Major: Notes on Diana Ross, Dark Girls, and Being Dope* by Shayla Lawson (305.488 LAWSON)

Movies: *Lady Sings the Blues* (DVD F LADY), *The Wiz* (DVD F WIZ)

Music: See hoopla for an extensive catalog of records.

Diahann Carroll

Book: *The Legs Are the Last to Go* by Diahann Carroll (via hoopla)

Movies: *Eve's Bayou* (DVD F EVES); *Hurry Sundown* (DVD HURRY); *Roots, The Next Generations* (DVD F ROOTS)

Music: See hoopla for an extensive catalog of records.

Nina Simone

Books: *Princess Noire: The Tumultuous Reign of Nina Simone* by Nadine Cohodas (BIO SIMONE COH); *Set It Up and Go: The Story of North Carolina Popular Music from Blind Boy Fuller and Doc Watson to Nina Simone and Superchunk* by David Menconi (781.64 MENCONI)

Music: See hoopla for an extensive catalog of records.

Alvin Ailey

Music: *Revelations* by Alvin Ailey (via hoopla)

Jessye Norman

Music: See hoopla for an extensive catalog of records.

History & Politics

Greensboro Sit-Ins

Books: *Lunch at the Five and Ten: The Greensboro Sit-Ins: A Contemporary History* by Miles Wolff (975.662 WOL); *Civilities and Civil Rights: Greensboro, North Carolina and the Black Struggle for Freedom* by William Henry Chafe (NC 323.423 CHA)

Thurgood Marshall

Books: *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary* by Juan Williams (BIO MARSHALL WIL); *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America* by Gilbert King (305.896 KING)

Movies: *Marshall* (DVD MARSHALL); *Thurgood* (DVD 792.92 THURGOOD)

Juneteenth

Books: *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed (394.263 GORDON R); *The Brightest Day: A Juneteenth Historical Romance Anthology* (F BRIGHTES)

The Great Migration

Books: *Wandering in Strange Lands: A Daughter of the Great Migration Reclaims Her Roots* by Morgan Jerkins (305.896 JERKINS); *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson (304.809 WILKERSON)

Barbara Jordan

Audiobook: *We Rise: Speeches by Inspirational Black Women* (via hoopla)

Literature

Black Panther

The library owns an extensive collection of materials related to Black Panther, including multiple graphic novels series at the 2018 Marvel Studios film. Search our catalog for titles.

Octavia Butler

The library owns an extensive collection of Octavia Butler's fiction. Search our catalog for titles.

James Baldwin

The library owns an extensive collection of fiction and essays by James Baldwin. Search our catalog for titles.

Terry McMillan

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Jesmyn Ward

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Science and Innovation

Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan

Books: *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly (510.925 LEE); *My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir* by Katherine Johnson (BIO JOHNSON JOH)

Movie: *Hidden Figures* (DVD HIDDEN)

George Washington Carver

Book: *My Work Is That of Conservation: An Environmental Biography of George Washington Carver* by Mark D. Hersey (BIO CARVER HER)

Sports

Hank Aaron

Movie: *Fastball* (DVD 796.357 FASTBALL)