



DC History Quiz

How well do you know D.C.?



1. Which of these indigenous groups lived in the area that is now Washington, D.C. when the first British colonizers arrived?
 - A. Nacotchtank
 - B. Wampanoag
 - C. Lakota
 - D. Natchez
2. What percentage of U.S. presidents owned and sold people?
 - A. 5%
 - B. 10%
 - C. 15%
 - D. 25%
3. What was the Pearl Incident?
 - A. A large escape of enslaved persons.
 - B. The biggest jewelry heist in U.S. history.
 - C. A race riot on Pearl St.
4. **PICK TWO ANSWERS:** In the first half of the 19th century, which were the TWO largest sources of revenue in Washington, D.C.?
 - A. Federal government
 - B. The sale of agricultural goods
 - C. Tourism
 - D. The sale of people
5. Frederick Douglass' home is operated by the National Park Service and is a special place to visit. It is located in this area of the city:
 - A. The National Mall
 - B. Georgetown
 - C. Anacostia
 - D. Capitol Hill
6. Which of the following women of national note have lived or live in Washington, D.C.?
 - A. Clara Barton
 - B. Pauli Murray
 - C. Mary McLeod Bethune
 - D. Suzan Shown Harjo
 - E. Anna Julia Cooper
 - F. All of the above
7. What happened to WWI veterans when they came to Washington, D.C. to march to demand their promised wartime bonuses?
 - A. Congress immediately awarded them the bonuses.
 - B. After two weeks of non-violent marches, Congress awarded part of the bonuses.
 - C. The U.S. Army, led by MacArthur, Eisenhower, and Patton, gassed and set fire to their encampment.
8. To protest police brutality in D.C., organizers held marches and mock trials of "killer police." In what decade did this take place?
 - A. 1930s
 - B. 1960s
 - C. 1990s
 - D. 2010s
9. One of the school desegregation cases reviewed by the Supreme Court under *Brown v. Board of Education* originated in Washington, D.C.
 - A. True
 - B. False

10. Was the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom the first national demonstration in Washington, D.C. led by civil rights organizations?
- A. No, there was a march a few years before that, but it was small and inconsequential.
 - B. No, there were multiple national demonstrations by civil rights organizations in Washington, D.C. prior to 1963.
 - C. Yes, the 1963 March on Washington was the first planned national demonstration by civil rights organizations in Washington, D.C.
 - D. Yes, there were previous plans for a national demonstration by civil rights organizations but they never came to fruition.
11. The heritage of the greatest percentage of Latinos in D.C. is:
- A. Mexican
 - B. Argentinian
 - C. Cuban
 - D. Salvadoran
12. D.C. has its own music form that has continued for generations. What is it called?
- A. House
 - B. trip hop
 - C. go-go
 - D. hardcore
13. PICK TWO ANSWERS: Many people who live in D.C. refuse to use the formal name for the Washington _____.
- A. Baseball team
 - B. Football team
 - C. National airport (in Virginia)
 - D. Train station
14. Washington D.C. can best be described as a:
- A. City
 - B. State
 - C. Colony
15. Some of the issues D.C. residents are organizing around today include:
- A. Gentrification
 - B. Immigrant Rights
 - C. Workers' Rights
 - D. #BlackLivesMatter
 - E. All of the above