Juneteenth Quiz

This quiz is intended to affirm that African Americans have made major contributions to the development of Washington State and of the United States. African Americans featured in this quiz are little known and seldom included in history or in historical documents designed to educate us about the contributors to our nation's history, accomplishments and successes.

The answer to each of these questions is an African American woman or man whose contributions were so far reaching that their names should be household words.

- 1. Who created the first machine to make a complete shoe?
- 2. Who invented the first railroad telegraph system?
- 3. Who invented the first ironing board?
- 4. Who performed the first open heart surgery?
- 5. Who invented the first traffic light?
- 6. Who set up the country's first blood plasma bank?
- 7. Who was the first neurosurgeon to successfully separate Siamese twins joined at the head?
- 8. Who created the first golf tee?
- 9. Who was the first athlete to win four gold medals in one Olympic Game?
- 10. Who created the interior architecture of the personal computer?
- 11. Who made the first clock?
- 12. Who was the first to settle the Bush Prairie area of Washington State?
- 13. Who founded the city of Centralia, Washington?
- 14. Who invented the first home security system?
- 15. Who was the first Black Mayor in Washington State?
- 16. Who was the Tacoma resident who was the first women in the U.S. to earn a PH.D.?
- 17. Who was the first Black woman in Washington State to start a college campus?
- 18. Who was the African American member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?
- 19. Who originally purchased the Tacoma area known as the Hilltop neighborhood?
- 20. In what year was the first Juneteenth celebration in the state of Washington?