



DC History Quiz

How well do you know D.C.?



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