



# AMERICAN HISTORY



## PATRIOTS OF COLOR P2

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### Multiple Choice

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1. What role did Edward "Ned" Hector play in the Revolutionary War?
  - A. A double agent for the Patriots
  - B. A wagon driver and soldier who refused to retreat
  - C. A mayor who signed a declaration against the British
  - D. A sailor who fought at Bunker Hill
2. Who was Wentworth Cheswell, and what is he known for?
  - A. A black patriot who made a midnight ride similar to Paul Revere's
  - B. A freed slave who fought in the Battle of Saratoga
  - C. The first black pastor to serve a white congregation
  - D. The first black lawyer in New York
3. What key achievement did Wentworth Cheswell accomplish in 1770?
  - A. He was elected the first black mayor in America.
  - B. He founded an elite cavalry unit.
  - C. He authored Liberty Further Extended.
  - D. He helped build the Underground Railroad.
4. What was Lemuel Haynes' significant contribution to both religion and liberty?
  - A. He fought in the Battle of Saratoga and became a schoolmaster.
  - B. He was the first black minister ordained in a mainstream denomination and wrote Liberty Further Extended.
  - C. He served as a chaplain in George Washington's army.
  - D. He wrote the Declaration of Independence.
5. Why is Richard Cheswell notable in American history?
  - A. He led a cavalry unit in the Revolutionary War.
  - B. He was the first black property owner in New Hampshire.
  - C. He fought alongside Crispus Attucks during the Boston Massacre.
  - D. He authored the first book on black patriots.



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6. How did Eleanor Eldridge achieve success in her lifetime?
- A. She wrote pamphlets on liberty and freedom.
  - B. She became a wealthy real estate entrepreneur and won a legal battle to protect her property.
  - C. She was a notable physician who treated soldiers.
  - D. She served as a principal of a major school.
7. What achievement is George Vashon most known for?
- A. He was the first black graduate of Oberlin College and the first black attorney in New York.
  - B. He fought in several Revolutionary War battles alongside Ethan Allen.
  - C. He founded a church and wrote about liberty in Acts 17:26.
  - D. He helped Frederick Douglass publish The North Star.
8. What was the significance of Thomas Downing's oyster business?
- A. It helped fund abolitionist causes and was part of the Underground Railroad.
  - B. It supplied food to George Washington's troops.
  - C. It inspired other black entrepreneurs to start businesses.
  - D. It was the first black-owned business in Boston.
9. What role did James Armistead Lafayette play during the Revolutionary War?
- A. He served as an elite soldier in the Green Mountain Boys.
  - B. He spied on the British as a double agent, helping secure Patriot victories.
  - C. He fought at the Battle of Saratoga and captured General Burgoyne.
  - D. He helped build the defenses of Boston against the British.
10. What point does the lesson make about the contributions of black Americans prior to the Emancipation Proclamation?
- A. Most were limited to serving as soldiers in the Revolution.
  - B. Black Americans achieved success in many areas, such as business, law, and education, despite oppression.
  - C. Their accomplishments were exaggerated to promote a political agenda.
  - D. Their history primarily focuses on the horrors of slavery.



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### ### \*\*Discussion Questions for High School\*\*

1. \*\*Why do you think historical figures like Edward "Ned" Hector, Wentworth Cheswell, and Lemuel Haynes are often excluded from mainstream history education? How does this impact our understanding of American history?\*

  - Discuss the consequences of historical omissions and how this shapes perspectives on race and national identity.

2. \*\*How did Wentworth Cheswell's accomplishments as a mayor, justice of the peace, and educator challenge the norms of his time? What does his story teach us about opportunity and perseverance?\*

  - Encourage analysis of Cheswell's achievements in a society where racial barriers existed.

3. \*\*The story of Eleanor Eldridge highlights entrepreneurship and legal battles against injustice. How can her legacy inspire individuals today to overcome adversity and pursue success?\*

  - Explore lessons of perseverance, resourcefulness, and justice.

4. \*\*Why do you think Frederick Douglass's views on the Constitution changed over time? What does this teach us about the importance of examining primary sources and historical context?\*

  - Analyze the process of critical thinking and how historical perspectives can evolve.

5. \*\*How can learning about the contributions of black patriots like James Armistead Lafayette and Thomas Downing challenge modern misconceptions about American history and inspire unity today?\*

  - Discuss the role of inclusive history in fostering a shared national identity.





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### Answer Key

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. B
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8. A
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10. B

