



AMERICAN HISTORY



PATRIOTS OF COLOR

Name: _____

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Multiple Choice

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1. Who was Crispus Attucks, and what role did he play in American history?
 - A. A soldier who fought in the Battle of Saratoga
 - B. A black patriot who was the first to die in the Boston Massacre
 - C. A freed slave who helped draft the Declaration of Independence
 - D. A businessman and lawyer during the Revolution
2. What message does the speaker argue is harmful to the black community?
 - A. A message of overcoming adversity
 - B. A message that portrays them as victims who cannot succeed
 - C. A message of unity and equality
 - D. A message honoring black patriots
3. What does the story of Primus Hall and George Washington highlight?
 - A. The conflict between black and white soldiers
 - B. Washington's leadership and his respect for others, regardless of race
 - C. Primus Hall's role as a British spy
 - D. The hardships Washington endured during the war
4. Which black patriot is credited with killing Major Pitcairn during the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 - A. Peter Salem
 - B. Salem Poor
 - C. James Armistead Lafayette
 - D. Primus Hall
5. How did James Armistead Lafayette contribute to the American Revolution?
 - A. He fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill.
 - B. He served as a double agent, providing intelligence to the Patriot cause.
 - C. He led the Bucks of America regiment.
 - D. He shot General Burgoyne during the Battle of Saratoga.



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6. What significant action did Cuff Whitmore take during the Battle of Saratoga?
 - A. He killed a British general, turning the tide of the battle.
 - B. He fought bravely and returned with captured British arms.
 - C. He escaped British capture by riding General Burgoyne's horse across the battlefield.
 - D. He freed enslaved soldiers during the battle.

7. What organization did George Middleton establish after the Revolution?
 - A. The African Benevolent Society
 - B. The Bucks of America
 - C. The Boston Patriots League
 - D. The Sons of Liberty

8. Why did Benedict Arnold fail after joining the British side during the Revolution?
 - A. His plans were foiled by black patriot James Armistead Lafayette.
 - B. The British refused to trust him.
 - C. The American soldiers were too loyal to Washington.
 - D. He lost a major battle at Bunker Hill.

9. What does the speaker argue happens when a community is severed from its history?
 - A. They lose interest in national events.
 - B. They feel empowered to fight for their rights.
 - C. They believe American history is not their history and grow to resent their country.
 - D. They become more focused on learning about their culture.

10. What key idea does the speaker emphasize about black patriots in American history?
 - A. They primarily fought in minor battles.
 - B. Their contributions were erased and need to be honored.
 - C. They were forced to fight in the Revolution.
 - D. They are celebrated in every history textbook.



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Discussion Questions for High School

1. **How does the erasure or exclusion of black patriots from mainstream historical narratives impact the way Americans view their own history and national identity?*

 - Discuss the importance of a complete and accurate history for all communities.

2. **The speaker argues that a “victimhood mindset” can disempower people. Do you agree or disagree with this perspective? Why?*

 - Explore the relationship between mindset, adversity, and success.

3. **What role did black patriots like Crispus Attucks, Peter Salem, and James Armistead Lafayette play in the American Revolution, and why do you think their contributions are often overlooked?*

 - Encourage students to reflect on historical bias and how history is taught.

4. **Why is it important to recognize both the atrocities of slavery and the accomplishments of black Americans in history? How can this balance be achieved in education?*

 - Discuss the consequences of presenting an incomplete version of history.

5. **How does the story of Primus Hall and George Washington challenge or reinforce our perceptions of race relations during the Revolutionary War?*

 - Analyze how stories of collaboration and mutual respect can reshape historical understanding.





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Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. A
9. C
10. B

