

Elbert County Planning Committee
2019 Academic Bowl Questions

MLK Weekend of Events

1. What four activities does the MLK weekend include?
2. Who was the speaker at this year's Ecumenical Banquet?
3. Who is this year's Parade Grand Marshall?
4. What was significant about last year's celebration? **It marked the 25th year of celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy in Elbert County.**
5. What is this year's theme?
6. Who is this year's theme winner? And where does she attend school?

Presidential History

1. Who is the 44th President of the United States? **President Barack Obama**
2. Where was President Obama born? **Honolulu, Hawaii**
3. What graduate school did President Obama attend? **Harvard Law School**
4. When did President Obama graduate from law school? **1991**
5. What program did President Obama run in Chicago that registered 150,000 new voters? **The program was Project Vote.**
6. What was the name of President Obama's first book? **Dreams From My Father**
7. Before becoming president, Barack Obama was elected senator from which state? **Illinois**
8. What is the gender and names of President Obama's children?
They are girls; their names are Malia and Sasha.
9. How old was President Obama when he was elected president? **47 years old**
10. How many electoral votes does the constitution require for a candidate to become president?

Two hundred seventy (270) electoral votes are required to become president of the United States.

Dr. Martin Luther King

1. State the month, day and year Dr. King was assassinated. **April 4, 1968**
2. In what city and state was Dr. King born? **Atlanta, GA**
3. How old would Dr. Martin Luther King be if he were alive today? **90 years old**
4. In 1964 Dr. King was the youngest recipient of what noted prize? **The Nobel Peace Prize**
5. What noted words did Dr. King write while in a Birmingham Jail? **“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”**
6. Who was Dr. King’s assassin? **James Earl Ray**
7. What were the names of Dr. King’s parents? **Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King**
8. At birth, what was Dr. King’s first name? **Michael**
9. What did Dr. King base his non – violent philosophy on? **Christianity**
10. Why did Dr. King receive the Nobel Peace Prize? **For his stance on Non - violence**
11. Where was Dr. King’s assassin captured? **At an airport in London, England**
12. What city and state was Dr. King assassinated? **Memphis, Tennessee**
13. What’s the name of the motel where Dr. King was assassinated? **The Lorraine Motel**
14. How many children did Dr. & Mrs. King have? **Four (4)**
15. Name Dr. King’s male children. **Dexter, and Martin, III (Martin Luther King, III)**
16. What college did Dr. King graduate from? **Morehouse College**
17. How old was Dr. King when he began college? **15 years old**
18. **(2 part question)** What action sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott? And What Year did the Bus Boycott begin? **Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery bus; 1955**
19. How long did the Montgomery Bus Boycott last? **382 Days**

20. Professionally, Dr. King had three titles, name two of them. **Clergyman, Activist, and Civil Rights Leader**
21. What church in Martin Luther King's hometown did he co-pastor with his father? **Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta**
26. Who was president of the United States when Dr. King was assassinated? **President Lyndon B. Johnson**
27. How long was Dr. King deceased before his birthday became a legal holiday? **Fifteen (15) years**
28. Which president signed a bill into law making 3rd Monday in January a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? **President Ronald Reagan**
29. When did the 1st national celebration of the King Holiday take place? **January 20, 1986**
30. Dr. King was named Person of the Year in what year AND by what periodical? **Time Magazine in 1957**
31. Dr. King drew inspiration from which non-violent Peace Activist? **Mahatma Ghandi**
32. In 1957, Dr. King helped begin which organization? **The Southern Christian Leadership Conference**
33. **(Two part question)** In remembrance of Dr. King, a statute is carved of him. What is the statute called, and where is it located? **The Stone of Hope; Washington DC**
34. Open to the public, King's memorial is the 4th to honor a non – president in Washington, DC and the 1st to honor which culture? **African – Americans**
35. What city and state were Dr. King and his fiancé, Coretta Scott, married? **Marian, Alabama**
36. What church in Alabama was Dr. King pastoring from 1954 through 1959? **Dexter Avenue Baptist Church**
37. **(Two part question)** Name the president who proclaimed Dr. King's death date a national day of mourning and name the president who signed the day into law? **Lyndon B. Johnson** proclaimed the day a national day of mourning; **Ronald Reagan** signed the holiday into law.
38. **(Two part question)** What date did the famous "March on Washington" take place, and how many people marked? The date was **August 28, 1963. Over 200,000 people marched to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.**
39. What event did Dr. King organize on the hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1963? **The March on Washington**

40. From which High School did Dr. King graduate? **He did not graduate from high school. He was admitted to college when he was a high school junior due to his academic abilities.**
41. Where did Dr. King receive his Ph. D. in Systematic Theology? **Crozer Theological Seminary, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Boston University**
42. What event first distinguished Dr. King as a national leader? **The Montgomery Bus Boycott**
43. In 1963, Dr. King was arrested and jailed during anti – segregation protests in Birmingham, Alabama. What famous work did he write during that time? **Letters from Birmingham City Jail**

Local History

1. **(3 Part Question)** What former ECCHS Football Player is now a star player for a local university? Name the Player, the local university and his number? **Mecole Hardman, Jr. plays for the University of Georgia. He is number 4.**
2. Who was the first woman elected to public office in Elbert County? **Georgia White**
3. Who was the first African American woman elected to city council in ward 2? **Henrietta Taggart**
4. Who was the very first African American elected to city council in Bowman? **Wilbert Williams**
5. Who was the first African American to serve on the Elbert County Board of Education? **Welchel Long**
6. Who was the first African American female to serve on the Elbert County Board of Education? **Bobby Paulk**
7. Who was the first African American Attorney to open and practice law in Elberton, Georgia? **John Mell Clark**

8. Who was the first African American to serve as superintendent for the Elbert the County School System? **Abe Plummer**
9. Who is founder and president of Jim-Ree African American Museum? **Jimmy White**
10. This man created a granite business by using rubble (discarded pieces of granite from granite sheds). Who was he? **George "Mike" Fortson.**
11. Who is the current and first African American Elbert County Fire Department Chief, and when was he appointed? **Donald McCalla is the current chief. He was appointed in 2011.**
12. What candidate on the November 2018 Georgia Ballot has ties to Elbert County and for what position did he run?
13. Who was the first African - American male to be elected president of the National Parent Teacher Association, and when was he installed? **Otha Thornton, Jr. was installed as the first African-American male president of National PTA at the June 2013 Conference.**
14. Who was born a slave and hired himself out after slavery and accepted reading and writing lessons for pay? **William Henry Heard**
15. What are the names of the slaves who saved their owner from a hangman's noose? **Jack and Kate Heard**
16. What state public position did Stephen Heard hold? **Governor of Georgia**
17. The Allen Wenfred Jones Tutoring Center was founded by whom? **Lillvian Jones**
18. Who was the first African American woman elected to the city council in Bowman? **Mary Morrison Clark**
19. Who was the first African American physician in Elberton? **Dr. James Paul Thompson**

20. (3 Part Question) Who were the three plaintiffs in a class – action lawsuit in 1982 to get the city of Elberton to change its system of voting from at – large to ward system? **Mozelle Mattox, Lillie Pressley and Imogene Willis Holland**
21. This person owned a saw mill in the 1940s and paid his employees fifty cents and hour, ten cents over the average pay rate. Who was he? **Cody “Tobe” Wells**

Recent Events

1. On June 17, 2015, what major event resulted in the removal of the Confederate Flag from all state owned property in South Carolina? **The Charleston Church Massacre at Emanuel A.M.E. Church that left nine (9) African Americans dead**
2. Who was the perpetrator of the Charleston Church Massacre and what was his motive? **Dylan Roof was the perpetrator and he wanted to start a race war.**
3. How many electoral votes does a candidate need to become President of the United States? **A candidate for president needs 270 electoral votes.**
4. Name the first African American female who served as Attorney General of the United States. **Loretta Lynch is the first African American female to serve as Attorney General of the United States.**
5. Who currently serves as the first Latina Supreme Court Justice in U.S. History? **Justice Sonia Sotomayor is the first Latina in U.S. History to serve on the Supreme Court.**
6. What is the color of states representing the Democratic Party? **Blue**
7. What is the color of states representing the Republican Party? **Red**
8. What does the acronym GOP mean? **Grand Old Party, also know as the Republican Party**
9. What is President Obama’s signature legislation that was been repeatedly upheld by the US Supreme Court? **The Affordable Care Act**
10. Name the only African American on the Supreme Court. **Justice Clarence Thomas**
11. What's the name of the plane the President travels on? **Air Force One**

12. What amendment or right was Collin Kaepernick exercising when he kneeled during the national anthem? **The 1st Amendment Right to Freedom of Speech (or Expression)**
13. On October 17, 2017, what organization's players issued a statement vowing to stand with Collin Kaepernick bringing attention to inequality and police brutality against people of color? **The National Football League (NFL)**
14. Who created the first smart phone? **IBM created the first smart phone, called the Simon Personal Communicator.**
15. In 2016, why did Collin Kaepernick sit and later kneel during the National Anthem before his NFL games? **Collin Kaepernick was protesting police brutality and inequality that people of color constantly face in the United States.**

National American History

1. What was Muhammad Ali's most famous slogan? **"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee!"**
2. **(2 Part Question)** In what 2016 movie was Rev. Nat Turner Portrayed, and who directed it? **Birth of a Nation. It was directed by Nate Parker**
3. What is Rev. Nat Turner Famous for, and in what year did this event take place? **He lead a slave revolt in 1831.**
4. **(2 Part Question)** What is the National Negro Anthem? Who wrote it? **"Lift Every Voice & Sing" was written by James Weldon Johnson.**
5. Mary McCleod Bethune was the founder and president of what national association? **National Council of Negro Women**
6. What was the first public HBCU in Georgia, and what year was it founded? **Savannah State University. It was founded in 1890.**
7. What organization helps fund students' educations at over 40 HBCUs? **UNCF – United Negro College Fund**
8. **(2 Part Question)** What are the names of the first black Greek fraternity and sorority and when were they founded? **Alpha Phi Alpha, founded in 1906 and Alpha Kappa Alpha founded in 1908.**

9. President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in what year? **1863**
10. Who provided a powerful voice for human rights and fought for the ratification of what amendment that guaranteed all citizens the right to vote, regardless of their races? **Frederick Douglas fought for the ratification of the Fifteenth (15th) Amendment.**

“FOR THE CULTURE” RESEARCH QUESTIONS

(2 Points Each)

You must look up the answers to these questions.

1. Issa Rae is the creator of what show? On what network does this show air?
2. Cardi B features this Chicago rapper on her track Best Life?
3. Lupita Nyong’ and Michael B. Jordan starred in what 2018 block buster movie?
4. Who opened the Promise School for at – risk kids, and where is the school located?
5. The Hate You Give, a 2018 movie began as a book by what author?
6. What recent movie was about an African American Colorado Springs detective who infiltrated the ranks of the local Ku Klux Klan?
7. What magazine was first known as the Weekly Negro News Magazine and where is it based?
8. What Social Media Platform has more than 2 billion daily active users?
9. Which city is widely known as the birthplace of Hip Hop?
10. Whose 1939 Easter Sunday concert at the Lincoln Memorial broke racial barriers and was seen as an important moment in the struggle for civil rights?

TIE BREAKERS

1. **(2 Part Question) WHO** provided a powerful voice for human rights and fought for the ratification of **WHAT** amendment that guaranteed all citizens the right to vote, regardless of their races? **Frederick Douglas fought for ratification of the 15th Amendment**
2. **(2 Part Question)** In what 2016 movie was Dr. King portrayed? Who was the director? **Selma; Ave DuVernay**
3. What would be the 13th anniversary of Mrs. Coretta Scott King’s death? **January 30, 2019**
4. **(2 Part Question)** In 1953, the song “Hound Dog” was released by what singer before Elvis Presley’s version and what genre of music was the original version? **Big Mama Thornton; blues**
5. **(2 Part Question) Whose** 1939 Easter Sunday concert broke racial barriers and was seen as an important moment in the struggle for civil rights and **where** was it held? **Marian Anderson, Lincoln Memorial**