

## Benjamin Banneker Test

1. Benjamin's grandmother Molly came to America as a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. slave
  - B. freed slave
  - C. indentured servant
  - D. free servant
2. After Molly had been in the country for several years she became a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dressmaker
  - B. farmer
  - C. teacher
  - D. nurse
3. Benjamin's parents grew \_\_\_\_\_ on their farm.
  - A. tobacco
  - B. cotton
  - C. rice
  - D. sorghum
4. His grandmother taught him to read using \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. some school books she had
  - B. the newspaper
  - C. an almanac
  - D. the Bible
5. Benjamin's father bought a 100-acre farm using \_\_\_\_\_ as currency.
  - A. tobacco
  - B. gold
  - C. silver
  - D. government money
6. "Stout" was the name of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Benjamin's father
  - B. his dog
  - C. the farm
  - D. Benjamin's sister
7. Benjamin could remember things well because he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. had one of the early computers
  - B. had a photographic memory
  - C. wrote everything down in a book
  - D. was punished if he didn't
8. His father put the farm in his own name and Benjamin's name because he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. wanted to anger the rest of the family
  - B. thought it was the law
  - C. wanted the farm to go to Benjamin when he died
  - D. made a mistake when he did it
9. The only formal education Benjamin had was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. at a local college
  - B. at a school for African-American children
  - C. at a large school in the city
  - D. at a Quaker school
10. Banneker learned how to make a clock by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. looking at a pocket watch
  - B. reading a book about clocks
  - C. talking to his neighbor
  - D. taking a correspondence course

11. When people saw his clock they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wanted him to make clocks for them
- B. didn't think he had really made it by himself
- C. were amazed
- D. tried to destroy it

12. The Ellicott brothers came to the area to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. start farming
- B. build mills for grinding grain
- C. build a railroad
- D. make a dam on the river

13. Banneker inherited land in \_\_\_\_\_ from his great-grandfather.

- A. England
- B. Russia
- C. Ireland
- D. Africa

14. George Ellicott helped Benjamin by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. loaning him a telescope
- B. teaching him to read
- C. loaning him money
- D. showing him how to farm

15. Banneker and Andrew Ellicott went to Virginia to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. buy some land
- B. get some cattle
- C. sell tobacco
- D. survey land

16. The books Banneker wrote were \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. novels
- B. mystery stories
- C. almanacs
- D. history books

17. It took a long time for him to make his books because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. everything had to be hand-copied
- B. the copying machine was broken
- C. he ran out of paper
- D. he couldn't think of anything to write

18. People without clocks used the almanac to tell time because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a small clock came with it
- B. it told them how to look at the sun
- C. it gave the time of sunrise and sunset each day
- D. it told them how to make a sundial

19. On the day Banneker was buried \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. school was dismissed
- B. flags were flown at half-mast
- C. the factories shut down
- D. his cabin burned down

20. There was renewed interest in Benjamin Banneker when \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Martin Luther King spoke
- B. archeologists found the remains of his cabin
- C. teachers began teaching about him
- D. people began to study clocks