

RACE LITERACY QUIZ

What differences make a difference?

1. Humans have approximately 30,000 genes. On average, how many genes separate all members of one race from all members of another race?

- A. None
- B. 1
- C. 23
- D. 142
- E. 1008
- F. We don't know

2. Which characteristic did the ancient Greeks believe most distinguished them from "barbarians"?

- A. Religion
- B. Skin color
- C. Language
- D. Dress
- E. Hairiness

3. In Medieval Europe (circa 1300-1400), Ethiopians were looked upon as:

- A. Savages
- B. Saviors
- C. Barbarians
- D. Infidels
- E. Negroes

4. Members of a race can be identified by their:

- A. Blood group
- B. Skin color
- C. Ancestry
- D. Genes
- E. None of the above
- F. All of the above

5. Skin color correlates most closely with:

- A. Hair form
- B. IQ
- C. Risk for sickle cell, Tay Sachs and other genetic diseases
- D. Geographic latitude
- E. Continent of ancestral origin
- F. Jumping and sprinting ability

6. When Jamestown colonist John Rolfe and his new wife Pocahontas traveled to the Court of London in 1619, it caused a scandal because:

- A. An Englishman had married an Indian
- B. John Rolfe had cuckolded General John Smith, the leader of the colony
- C. Pocahontas, a princess, married beneath her station by wedding a commoner
- D. Londoners had never seen an Indian before
- E. A Christian had married a heathen

7. The rise of the idea of white supremacy was tied most directly to:

- A. Indian removal
- B. Slavery
- C. The Declaration of Independence
- D. The U.S. Constitution
- E. Ancient Greece

8. Which group has the most genetic variation?

- A. Humans
- B. Chimpanzees
- C. Penguins
- D. Fruit flies
- E. Elephants

9. Which two populations are most likely, on average, to be genetically similar?

- A. Italians and Ethiopians
- B. Senegalese and Kenyans
- C. Italians and Swedes
- D. Chinese and Lakota (Sioux)
- E. Saudi Arabians and Ethiopians

10. Most human genetic variation can be found:

- A. Within any local population, for example, among Zulus, or among Hmong
- B. Between two populations on the same continent, for example between Irish and Poles
- C. Between two populations on different continents, for example between Koreans and Zulus
- D. Between any two continents, for example, between Africa and Asia
- E. Between tall people and short people

11. Which continent has the greatest human genetic diversity?

- A. Europe
- B. Asia
- C. Africa
- D. North America
- E. South America

12. Who was the first American public figure to suggest, albeit "as a suspicion only," that black people might be inherently inferior to whites?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. Sir Walter Raleigh
- C. George Washington
- D. Robert E. Lee
- E. Capt. John Smith, founder of the Jamestown colony

13. Which of the following was NOT an important reason why African slavery first took root in North America:

- A. As non-Christians, they had no legal protections
- B. They were skilled semi-tropical farmers
- C. The supply of indentured servants from Europe was becoming unreliable
- D. They were deemed innately inferior
- E. They couldn't easily run away

14. Which was NOT introduced to Indians by whites?

- A. An Indian identity
- B. Democracy
- C. Identity by "blood quantum"
- D. Horses
- E. Measles

15. Of the \$120 billion in home loans underwritten by the federal government between 1933 and 1962, what percentage went to white homeowners?

- A. 45 percent
- B. 64 percent
- C. 75 percent
- D. 88 percent
- E. 98 percent

16. Which of the following is not a result of federal government policies?

- A. Redlining
- B. Urban renewal
- C. Deterioration of inner cities
- D. Affirmative action quotas
- E. The wealth gap between black and white families

17. Today, the net worth of the average white family is how much compared to the average black family?

- A. Three times as much
- B. Eight times as much
- C. Half as much
- D. Twice as much
- E. The same

18. When white and black families of similar incomes are compared, what is the difference in their net worth?

- A. No difference
- B. Black net worth is slightly greater
- C. White net worth is more than eight times greater
- D. White net worth is more than two times greater
- E. Black net worth is twice as great

19. According to a 1993 study, 86% of suburban whites lived in a community where the black population was:

- A. Less than 5%
- B. Less than 10%
- C. Less than 1%
- D. More than 10%
- E. More than 15%

20. Which is NOT an example of a government racial preference program?

- A. 1964 Civil Rights Act
- B. 1862 Homestead Act
- C. 1790 Naturalization Act
- D. 1934 Federal Housing Administration
- E. 1935 Social Security Act