

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

