

Black History Month: You Can Quote Me on That

Black History Month is in February and celebrates the achievements of African Americans. It is a time to acknowledge their central role in U.S. history and their continuing contributions to the American story.

Description of the Activity: In this activity, you will be provided with ten (10) quotes and the names of the people quoted. All of the quotes will be relevant to topics and issues advanced during Black History Month (Black Lives Matters, equality, justice, racism, etc.). You will choose three (3) quotes and provide responses to three (3) questions. The response to each of the three (3) questions is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.

How SSL Hours Are Earned: Complete the activity according to the below instructions and earn one (1) SSL hour.

Deadline for this activity is: Friday, March 4, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact Hoover MS PTA at: HooverMSPTA@gmail.com

Please submit ALL the below REQUIRED information and responses to: HooverMSPTAwhm@gmail.com. In the subject line of the email write "BHM: You Can Quote Me on That."

- 1) Student Last Name
- 2) Student First Name
- 3) Grade
- 4) Student's email address (Do NOT use your MCPS student email address. If you do not have a personal email, provide the email address of your parent/guardian. We need an email address to send your SSL form.)

Choose three (3) quotes from below and respond to three (3) questions for each quote.

****All Responses are required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.****

- 5) Quote One – "It's important for us to also understand that the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' simply refers to the notion that there's a specific vulnerability for African Americans that needs to be addressed. It's not meant that other lives don't matter. It's to suggest that other folks aren't experiencing this particular vulnerability." – President Barak Obama.
 - a) Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - b) What is the meaning of the quote?
 - c) How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?

- 6) Quote Two - “Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.” – Dr. Mae Jamison (1st African American astronaut)
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 7) Quote Three – “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” – Shirley Chisholm
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 8) Quote Four – “Black History Month must be more than just a month of remembrance; it should be a tribute to our history and a reminder of the work that lies in the months and years ahead.” – Marty Meehan
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 9) Quote Five – “Do the best you can until you know better, do better.” – Maya Angelou
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 10) Quote Six – “There is no vaccine for racism.” – Vice President Kamala Harris
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 11) Quote Seven – “The beauty of anti-racism is that you don’t have to pretend to be free of racism to be anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it’s the only way forward.” – Ijoema Oluo
- Who is person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - What is the meaning of the quote?
 - How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?

- 12) Quote Eight – “The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.” – W.E.B. DuBois
- a) Who is the person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - b) What is the meaning of the quote?
 - c) How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 13) Quote Nine – “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- a) Who is the person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - b) What is the meaning of the quote?
 - c) How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?
- 14) Quote Ten – “I swear to the Lord I still can’t see why democracy means everybody but me.” – Langston Hughes
- a) Who is the person quoted (provide some background information on the person)?
 - b) What is the meaning of the quote?
 - c) How will you reflect on the meaning of the quote to make positive changes in yourself and inspire others in your community to do the same?