

AFRO QUIZ 2020

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

UNDER 9 AGE CATEGORY

This year, CCACH is celebrating the different ways people of African and Caribbean heritage empower each other across continents and within their communities. As you read the material, it is our hope that you will learn about some of the men and women who have done a lot to empower their communities and beyond.

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SECTION 1: ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

In this section, you will learn about **celebrities** who make a difference in their communities. They use their fame to empower their communities. They do this in many ways.

WHO

HOW THEY EMPOWER THEIR COMMUNITY

WILFRED ZAHA



- He is a professional soccer player. He plays for Crystal Palace football club.
- He was born on November 10, 1992 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

"I know what it's like to come from nothing and not have any handouts, so I hope that what I'm doing is putting a smile on some people's faces."

– Wilfried Zaha

- Wilfred Zaha gives away 10% of his salary to causes in England and Ivory Coast.
- One of these causes is his sister's orphanage in Ivory Coast. It is called **Tomorrow's Hope**.
- He is involved in the **Palace for Life Foundation**. This is his team's foundation.
- The Palace for Life Foundation changes the lives of the youth in South London through soccer.
- They help the youth stay healthy and keep busy so they make good choices.
- The **Zaha Foundation** is a charity which helps people in London and in Ivory Coast.
- The Zaha Foundation works with young people. Zaha gives back to his community by giving people what he couldn't have when he was growing up.

RIHANNA



- She is a singer, songwriter, actress, businesswomen and a fashion designer.
- She was born on February 20, 1988 in Saint Michael, Barbados.

"The notion that millions of kids are desperate to go to school and are not given the opportunity, is something I cannot accept." – Rihanna

The Clara Lionel Foundation (CLF)

- Rihanna started the Clara Lionel Foundation in 2012.
- It is named in honor of her grandparents. Clara and Lionel.
- The CLF goal is to make the lives of young people everywhere in the world better.
- CLF works in education and emergency preparedness.
- CLF has education programs in Barbados, Malawi and Senegal.
- CLF has emergency response programs in the Caribbean and around the world.
- CLF also has a global scholarship program.
- Follow this link to a video about the foundation:

<https://youtu.be/1kx31VmBSg>

Hint: Some questions might come from the video.

LEBRON JAMES



- LeBron James is a basketball star. He currently plays for the Los Angeles Lakers.
- He was born on December 30, 1984 in Akron, Ohio.

"I believe in order for us to ultimately be as great as we can be as a nation that all of us have to go back into our communities and lend our hand. It starts brick by brick. It starts person by person. Family by family. Kid by kid." – LeBron James

The LeBron James Family Foundation

- LeBron James started the LeBron James Family Foundation in 2004.
- The foundation is based in Akron, Ohio. This is LeBron James' hometown.
- The mission of the foundation is to positively affect children and young adults.
- The mission is done through educational initiatives.
- The foundation believes that an education and healthy living are important for children. They allow them to grow well.
- The foundation's ***I Promise*** program helps more than 1,400 students in Akron. It gives the students the things that they need to do well at school.

LeBron's *I Promise* school was opened on July 30, 2018. There were 240 students when it opened.

SECTION 2: POLITICS AND/OR ACTIVISM

There are many politicians and activists who have made a difference in their communities. In this section, you will learn about some political activists and some organizations who have changed their communities for the better.



IDA BELL WELLS

“One had better die fighting against injustice than to die like a dog or a rat in a trap.” — Ida B. Wells

Ida Bell Wells was born on July 16, 1862 in Mississippi, Alabama. She was born a slave but was freed 6 months after her birth. Both her parents died of yellow fever when Ida was 16 years old. As the oldest daughter, Ida had to take care of her siblings after their parents died so she dropped out of school and found a job.

In 1882, Ida and her sisters moved to Nashville, Tennessee. In Nashville, she started to write about race and politics in newspapers owned by the black community. Later, she became the owner of her own newspaper. It was called *The Memphis Free Speech and Headlight*.

In 1884, Ida bought herself a first-class train ticket to travel from Memphis to Nashville. However, she was the only African American there and she was asked to leave. There was a different train car for black people. Ida refused to move. The train attendants had to carry her out. She was a fighter, so she sued the railroad and won \$500 in the settlement. However, the Tennessee Supreme Court overturned the decision. Meaning she did not receive justice. Upset, she used her gift and wrote about the injustice. When she wrote, she used the name “Lola”.

How else did Ida Bell Wells better her community?

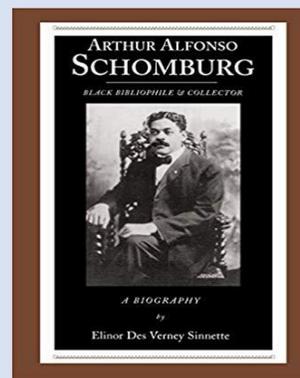
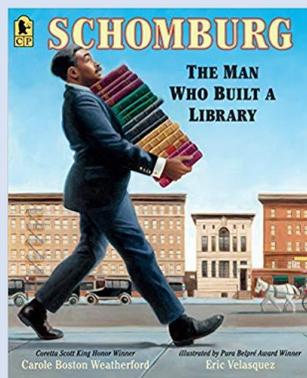
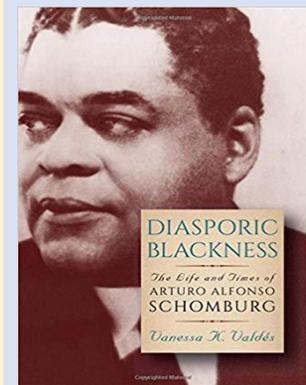
- She fought for better condition in black schools.
 - In 1892, she started an anti-lynching campaign. She wrote about this for many months and it upset some of the white people in Memphis. She was told to stay away or be killed. She was in New York at the time. She continued to fight against lynching through her writing.
 - In 1893, she published “**A Red Record**”. It was about lynchings in America.
 - In 1896, Ida started the National Association of Colored Women (NACW).
 - In 1898, she led an anti-lynching protest to the White House, asking then president, William, McKinley, to take action.
 - She started the first African American Kindergarten in her community.
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ARTURO ALFONSO SCHOMBURG



- Arturo Alfonso Schomburg was born on January 24, 1874.
- He was an Afro-Puerto Rican historian, a writer and an activist.
- As a child, Arturo was told by his teacher that black people had no history. His teachers also said that they had not done anything important.
- Because of what his teacher said, Arturo decided he would spend his life studying black people and their culture.
- In 1891, he moved to New York and became an activist. He fought for Puerto Rico and Cuba to be independent from Spain.
- In 1911, he started the Negro Society for Historical Research with John Howard Bruce. The Society helped black people who were doing research.
- Arturo played an important role in getting other black people to be interested in studying black achievements.
- He spent many years collecting art, artifacts and writings that were written by black people, or that were about black people.
- In 1926, the New York Public library bought the things he had been collecting for \$10,000. He used this money to travel and collect even more items.
- Arturo Alfonso Schomburg died on June 8, 1938.

BOOKS or PAPERS written by or about Schomburg.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER INITIATIVE (MBK Alliance)

- My Brother's Keeper is a program that was started in February 2014.
- It was started by President Barack Obama.
- Its goal is to work with boys and young men of colour so that they can reach their full potential.

"Ensuring that our young people can go as far as their dreams and hard work will take them is the single most important task that we have as a nation. It is the single most important thing we can do for our country's future."

- **President Barack Obama**

My Brother's Keeper Summit, December 14, 2016

Follow the link below to watch a two-and-a-half-minute video on MBK Alliance.

<https://youtu.be/EjkgslO40E>

Hint: You may be asked questions from the video.

SECTION 3: CANADIANA (TRUE, NORTH, STRONG)

In this section, you are going to learn about black women in Canada who helped their communities. The work they did helped to build the communities of Black Canadians.

WHO	HOW THEY EMPOWERED THEIR COMMUNITIES
<p>ROSEMARY BROWN</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosemary Brown was a Social Worker and Politician.• She was born on June 17, 1930 in Kingston, Jamaica.• She died on April 26, 2003 in Vancouver, BC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosemary fought against racism and sexism.• In 1975, she was the first woman to run to lead a federal political party. This political party was the NDP.• When she ran, she used the motto “Brown is Beautiful”.• She came second but was ahead of 3 other people.• By running for office, she led by example and helped the community see that black people were also able to hold important positions.• As MLA, Rosemary was also the first Black female member of a provincial legislature.• She started the Vancouver Status of Women Council.• She was an MLA for 14 years. And she continued to fight against sexism.• Click on the link below to watch a video about Ms. Brown. <p>https://youtu.be/G_APUcDKSmw</p> <p>Hint: Be sure to pay close attention. Some question may come from it. If there are any words you do not understand, write them down so that you can use your dictionary later.</p>

JANAYA KHAN



- **Janaya Khan is an activist and social justice educator.**
- **She was born in Toronto, Canada.**

- Janaya Khan is the co-founder of Black Lives Matter Canada. She started it with Yusra Ali.
- Black Lives Matter is an organization that fights for the freedom of black people.
- Janaya is also an international ambassador (representative) for the Black Lives Matter Network.
- She fights for justice, equality and social change

DR. EUGENIA DUODU



- **Dr. Eugenia Duodu is a CEO (Chief Operations Officer), a scientist and a community Builder.**
- **She was born in Etobicoke, Toronto.**

- Dr. Eugenia Duodu studied at the University of Toronto
- She is the CEO of **Visions of Science Network for Learning. (VoSNL)**
- It is an organization which empowers young people from low-income communities.
- This is done by introducing them to science and technology.
- One of their main programs is the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) clubs.
- Dr. Duodu works hard to help young people have a chance to get a good education.

SECTION 4: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

In this section, you are going to learn about a man who invented a machine that helped supply clean water in his community and in places affected by natural disasters.

MOSES A. WEST AND THE WATER RESCUE FOUNDATION



Moses West is a retired captain in the United States Army and an engineer. He started the Water Rescue Foundation because he wanted to make sure people have clean water.

- He was born in Columbus, Georgia, but he spent most of his childhood in Texas.
- He was born into an army family, so he moved to different places when he was young.
- After his work in the army, he moved to Australia.

He lived there for 11 years and started to learn about water systems.

- When he left Australia, he moved to Hawaii. There, he had a neighbor who had a small water generator. It made 5 gallons of drinking water.
- This made him want to make a bigger generator so that he could make more water and help people.
- The city of Austin where he lives proclaimed **February 6** as Moses West Day. This was to honour him for serving his community.

About the Water Rescue Foundation

Goal: To provide drinking water to people in need.

Mission: To help people who are struggling because of natural disasters like hurricanes, floods or earthquakes; and to help those who need clean water in areas they live in.

The Water Rescue Foundation uses technology called **Atmospheric Water Generation**. This is when a machine called a generator, is used to

The word mission means: *an important or special job that someone or some people have been given to do or that they give themselves to do.*

For the Water Rescue foundation, the special job they have given themselves is to make sure that people who need clean drinking water are helped.

Can you think of a sentence you have heard that has the word mission in it?

extract (take out) water from the air. In the air, or atmosphere, there is moisture that can be turned into clean water.

To do this, West and his team use a very big generator. Below is a picture of the generator the foundation uses to make the water. Moses made this machine in order to make more water for helping people. Moses got the help from army engineers and he built his first generator in 2015. His first machine made enough water to fill more than **868** of 3L milk bottles!



The foundation has worked in Puerto Rico and in Flint, Michigan, providing water to the communities in those places for free. Moses can do this for free because he raises money through the foundation. The Water Rescue Foundation is currently raising money so they can go to the Bahamas to help communities affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Follow this link here and listen to Moses talking about his work. He mentions a word that we learned about. See if you can recognize it. <https://youtu.be/4iU8SAQYA-w>.

Hint: You may be asked questions from the video.

SECTION 5: CURRENT EVENTS

This section is based on current news and events that highlight progress, positivity and celebration in the Black community and Black personalities around the world. The period covered will be the year 2019 and may also include recent news that happened in January and February 2020. You are encouraged to read a broad spectrum of information paying close attention to black based news on various platforms.

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