

James Forten Test

1. James Forten was born _____.
 - A. to free black parents
 - B. a slave on a plantation
 - C. in Canada
 - D. to a slave mother and a free black father
2. Forten lived during the time of _____.
 - A. the Spanish-American War
 - B. the Civil War
 - C. World War 1
 - D. the Revolutionary War
3. He served in the Continental Army as a _____.
 - A. corporal
 - B. cook
 - C. powder boy
 - D. general's aide
4. When he was captured, he became good friends with _____.
 - A. the General of the Army
 - B. the captain of the ship
 - C. the lieutenant
 - D. the captain's son
5. His friend saved him from _____.
 - A. a fire
 - B. being captured and sold as a slave
 - C. being severely beaten by the captain
 - D. being taken to England
6. Because of their friendship Forten once said he was saved by "_____".
 - A. a game of marbles
 - B. the luck of the draw
 - C. being a friend of the captain
 - D. being in the right place at the right time
7. The "Jersey" was _____.
 - A. a state on the east coast
 - B. a dairy farm
 - C. a British prison ship
 - D. a textile mill
8. He and Daniel Brewton became lifelong friends because _____.
 - A. they played marbles together
 - B. he took Daniel's place when prisoners were released
 - C. he pushed Daniel off the ship so he could escape
 - D. they both liked sailing
9. James Forten _____.
 - A. finished high school and college
 - B. attended school through eighth grade
 - C. educated himself
 - D. had a tutor when he was young
10. His father taught him about _____ when he was just a young boy.
 - A. making sails
 - B. sailing boats
 - C. navigation
 - D. barrel making

11. After the war he worked on a ship going to _____.

- A. Barcelona
- B. Copenhagen
- C. Venice
- D. London

12. When he returned to America he went to work for _____.

- A. his father
- B. a barrel maker
- C. his father's former employer
- D. Daniel Brewton

13. After thirteen years he bought the _____ business.

- A. fishing
- B. pleasure cruise
- C. marina
- D. sailmaking

14. Since his business was near the water he _____.

- A. was able to save people from drowning
- B. went swimming a lot
- C. sailed miniature boats for pleasure
- D. opened a lifeguard business

15. James Forten was _____.

- A. not very successful in business
- B. one of the wealthiest African Americans at that time
- C. interested only in himself
- D. cruel to his employees

16. He helped many African Americans by _____.

- A. telling them to return to their masters
- B. urging them to leave America
- C. helping them buy their freedom
- D. teaching them how to read

17. The aim of the American Colonization Society was to _____.

- A. help slaves escape to Canada
- B. create a colony in the western United States
- C. help free blacks adapt to America
- D. relocate free blacks to Liberia

18. Forten thought free blacks should _____.

- A. stay in America
- B. go to Canada
- C. go to Africa
- D. move to Mexico

19. He once refused to sell sails to _____.

- A. an African American
- B. a slave trader
- C. a man who could not pay
- D. a shipbuilder with poor credit

20. He started a school for African American children in _____.

- A. downtown Philadelphia
- B. the back of his business place
- C. his own home
- D. New York