

# GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: HIDDEN FIGURES

*Gale In Context: Biography*

**Directions:** Use *Gale In Context: Biography* to find answers to the following questions about **Hidden Figures in Black History**. Write your answers and cite your sources in the spaces provided below. The best way to answer these questions is to use **Basic Search** and select the **Topic Pages** for each individual.

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About 9 months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama, a 15-year-old girl named **Claudette Colvin** was the first Black American to refuse to give up hers. What did Claudette say as the police officers removed her from the bus?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

2

On January 26, 1892, **Bessie Coleman** was born in Atlanta, Texas. She was the first Black woman in America to do what?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

3

**Matthew Henson** was an explorer. He traveled to many different countries with Commander Robert E. Peary. Matthew Henson is believed to be the first person to reach the \_\_\_\_\_. How old was Henson when he finally received tribute for his exploration?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

4

The first Black American to be listed on *Forbes* world's rich list is **Robert L. Johnson**. What did Johnson create and own? How did he earn his billionaire status?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

5

**Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** was a physician born in 1856. He was the first to ever complete a surgery that had been thought to be impossible. What type of surgery did he perform?

**Answer:**

**Source:**

**1** **Answer:** “I paid my fare and it’s my constitutional right.”

**Source:** May vary.

Example: Before Rosa Parks, A Teenager Defied Segregation On An Alabama Bus, All Things Considered, March 2, 2015. [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A406208361/BIC1?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=f4df5c05](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A406208361/BIC1?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=f4df5c05)

**2** **Answer:** Fly an airplane and earn an international pilot’s license.

**Source:** May vary.

Example: Bessie Coleman, Contemporary Black Biography, May 2, 1995. [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1606000122/BIC1?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=da5bda53](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1606000122/BIC1?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=da5bda53)

**3** **Answer:** The North Pole. Henson was 88 years old.

**Source:** May vary.

Matthew Alexander Henson, Dictionary of American Biography, 1977. [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/BT2310011439/BIC1?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=311906c3](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/BT2310011439/BIC1?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=311906c3)

**4** **Answer:** Black Entertainment Television Cable Network (BET). He sold BET to Viacom for \$3 billion.

**Source:** May vary. Overview - Robert L. Johnson (American television executive), Contemporary Black Biography, August 15, 2003. [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1606002469/BIC1?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=59b9f2b9](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1606002469/BIC1?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=59b9f2b9)

**5** **Answer:** Open heart surgery.

**Source:** Daniel Hale Williams, Encyclopedia of World Biography, December 12, 1998. [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1631007002/BIC1?u=t\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=abf29693](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/K1631007002/BIC1?u=t[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=abf29693)