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Political Firsts Quiz

Directions: After you read the article "Political Firsts," answer each of the following questions.

- Who was the first African-American to be a member of the U.S. Senate?
 - Hiram Revels
 - Joseph Rainey
 - Douglas Wilder
 - Barack Obama
- Which of the following is one of Joseph Rainey's accomplishments?
 - He was the first African-American elected to the House of Representatives.
 - He was the first African-American to become a member of the U.S. Senate.
 - He was the first black governor in U.S. history.
 - He was the first African-American Mayor of Washington, D.C.
- Which of the following events happened first?
 - Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman elected to Congress.
 - Douglas Wilder was born.
 - Barack Obama was elected to the U.S. Senate.
 - Joseph Rainey helped slaves freed by the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Which of the following pairs of politicians have called Chicago home?
 - Douglas Wilder and Shirley Chisholm
 - Sharon Pratt Dixon Kelly and Barack Obama
 - Carol Moseley Braun and Barack Obama
 - Blanche Bruce and Carol Moseley Braun
- Which of the words below would best replace the word **parity** in the following sentence: *As the first African-American to reach the highest office in the U.S., President Barack Obama is proof that parity among Americans of all backgrounds is possible!*
 - equality
 - imbalance
 - compromise
 - concession
- Which of the following statements is FALSE?
 - Douglas Wilder was named after the famous orator Frederick Douglass.
 - Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman to be elected President.
 - Blanche Bruce attended Oberlin College in Ohio.
 - Carol Moseley Braun has a law degree.
- Why were the eight people featured in "Political Firsts" chosen?
 - They all have famous families.
 - They are all African-Americans.
 - They all are the first African-American men or women to hold a particular political office.
 - all of the above
- Which adjective does not describe Blanche Bruce?
 - brave
 - hardworking
 - smart
 - unsupportive
- The best alternate title for this article would be _____.
 - "Looking Back"
 - "African-American Firsts"
 - "Black History Month"
 - "Historical Firsts"
- Which of the following statements is an OPINION?
 - Shirley Chisholm was a woman to be admired.
 - Hiram Revels left the Senate to oversee a higher-learning institution for blacks.
 - Michelle Obama is the first African-American First Lady.
 - Douglas Wilder was elected Governor of Virginia in a landslide.