

# Jeopardy Directions

The Jeopardy PowerPoint can be used in various ways. Educators should feel free to adapt it to their lesson plan and classroom. Below is one possible way to use this fun, instruction tool.

**This would be a 2-day unit.**

## Objectives:

- Learn about important moments in African American sports history.
- Practice note-taking skills.
- Work collaboratively to learn material in preparation for an enjoyable competition.

## First Day:

- Students should be put into teams of 4 or 5 students and directed to the section about African American Firsts in Sports at the following webpage: <http://www.blackpast.org/?q=aah/101-african-american-firsts>
- Teams should decide among themselves which members will take notes on the different entries.
- Individual students will take notes on their entries in preparation for the Jeopardy game the following day.

**NOTE:** If you want to limit the research to the topics included in the accompanying Jeopardy game, use the following entries

~Professional Golfer: John Matthew Shippen, Jr., 1896

~Olympic medalist (Summer games): George Poage, 1904

~Olympic gold medalist (Summer games): John Baxter "Doc" Taylor, 1908

~NFL football coach: Fritz Pollard, 1922–1937

~Olympic gold medalist (Summer games, individual): DeHart Hubbard, 1924

~Major league baseball player: Jackie Robinson, 1947

~Woman gold medalist (Summer games, Individual): Alice Coachman, 1948

~NFL quarterback: Willie Thrower, 1953

~Wimbledon tennis champion: Althea Gibson, 1957

~Olympic medalist (Winter games): Debi Thomas, 1988

~Golf champion: Tiger Woods, 1997

~Olympic gold medalist (Winter games): Vonetta Flowers, 2002

## Second Day:

- Students sit with their teams; individual students have their notes in front of them.
- Each team has blank sheets of paper in front of them and a Sharpie to write with (another option would be dry erase boards).
- The Jeopardy game is started with teams taking turns choosing the category and point amount.
- When a question is chosen, the moderator will read the question. All groups have an allotted amount of time to come up with an answer (10 seconds? 15 seconds?) and write it on the paper in front of them, being sure to shield their answer from the other teams.
- At the end of the allotted time, all teams will reveal their answers. The moderator will reveal the correct answer. Each team that is correct will get credited with the point amount of the question. Teams that are incorrect will lose the corresponding amount of points.

### **Scorekeeping:**

- **Jeopardy Board:** The second and third-to-last pages contain Jeopardy boards. One can be used as an answer key. The other can be used to keep track of which questions have been chosen.

**Score sheet:** The final page of this document contains a sample score sheet. Put team names in the space provided and keep track of their point totals in the columns below the team names

## **OLYMPICS**

### **\$200 Clue:**

**John Baxter “Doc” Taylor became the first African American to win a gold medal in the Olympics when he won gold in the 1908 Olympics held in this English city.**

Question: What is London?

### **\$400 Clue:**

**After the 1940 and 1944 Olympics were cancelled because of this, Alice Coachman became the first African American woman from any country to win an Olympic Gold Medal when she took gold in the 1948 Olympics.**

Question: What is World War II?

### **\$600 Clue:**

**In 1924, DeHart Hubbard became the first African American to win a gold medal as an individual in the**

**Olympics when he leaped 24 feet 5 and ½ inches in this event.**

Question: What is the long jump?

### **\$800 Clue:**

**George Poage, the first African American to ever win an Olympic medal, won bronze in this track event.**

Question: What are the hurdles?

### **\$1000 Clue:**

**In the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Debi Thomas became the first African American woman to win a medal at the Winter Olympic Games when she won the bronze medal while competing in this sport.**

Question: What is figure skating?

## **BASEBALL**

### **\$200 Clue:**

**Jackie Robinson won the National League Rookie of the Year award for his terrific play in his debut season, then won this even more prestigious award two years later.**

Question: What is the (National League) Most Valuable Player award?

### **\$400 Clue:**

**This uniform number of Jackie Robinson was retired by Major League Baseball on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date that he broke Major League Baseball’s color barrier.**

Question: What is 42?

**\$600 Clue:**

**While Jackie Robinson is best known for leading the way for African Americans in major league baseball, he was also the first Bruin athlete to earn varsity letters in four sports at this California university.**

Question: What is UCLA?

**\$800 Clue:**

**Before joining the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, Jackie Robinson had a controversial incident while serving in the Army during World War II when he refused to do this during a bus trip back to his base.**

Question: What is move to the back of the bus?

**\$1000 Clue:**

**On March 26, 1984, Jackie Robinson was posthumously awarded this, the nation's highest civilian honor.**

Question: What is the Medal of Freedom?

## **GOLF**

**\$200 Clue:**

**Better known by this animal nickname, Eldrick Woods was a golf prodigy who was featured in Golf Digest at the age of five before becoming one of the best golfers in history.**

Question: What is Tiger?

**\$400 Clue:**

**Before becoming one of the best golfers in history, Tiger Woods was a Cardinal at this California university.**

Question: What is Stanford?

**\$600 Clue:**

**Although he was barred from membership in this organization while he was alive, John Shippen, Jr. was granted a posthumous membership in 2009.**

Question: What is the PGA?

**\$800 Clue:**

**In 1997, at the age of 22, Tiger Woods became the first African American to win this golf major held annually at Augusta National Golf Club, a club that didn't allow African Americans to be members until 1990.**

Question: What is the Masters?

**\$1000 Clue:**

**John Shippen, Jr. became the first African American professional golfer when he competed in this event in 1896.**

Question: What is the U.S. Open?

## **FOOTBALL**

**\$200 Clue:**

**Fritz Pollard was not only the first African American to play in the Rose Bowl, he and a teammate were also the first African Americans to play in the American Professional Football Association, which later became known as this.**

Question: What is the National Football League?

**\$400 Clue:**

**Willie Thriver became the first African American to play quarterback in the NFL when he appeared in a game for this Midwestern team in 1953.**

Question: Who are the Chicago Bears?

**\$600 Clue:**

**After Fritz Pollard became the first African American to coach in pro football, it took more than 60 years before the second African American was hired as a head coach when Art Shell was hired by this California-based NFL team.**

Question: Who are the Oakland Raiders?

**\$800 Clue:**

**After making history by becoming the first African American quarterback to play in the NFL, Willie Thriver moved on to play in this other North American football league.**

Question: What is the Canadian Football League?

**\$1000 Clue:**

**Before becoming the first African American head coach in NFL history, Fritz Pollard was one of the most feared players at this position.**

Question: What is running back?

**WOMEN**

**\$200 Clue:**

**An athletic career that included an Olympic gold medal in the high jump and thirty-four national titles enabled Alice Coachman to become the first African American woman to endorse an international product when she signed on as a spokesperson for this beverage in 1952.**

Question: What is Coca-Cola?

**\$400 Clue:**

**In 1950, Althea Gibson became the first African American permitted to compete in the Forest Hill National Grass Court Championship and was later named one of the Top 100 Greatest Female Athletes by this magazine.**

Question: What is Sports Illustrated?

**\$600 Clue:**

**Debi Thomas became the first African American woman to win a medal at the Winter Olympic Games when she earned a bronze medal in figure skating at the 1988 Winter Olympics held in this Canadian city.**

Question: What is Calgary?

**\$800 Clue:**

**At the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, after attempting to win Olympic gold in track and field in the previous two Summer Olympics, Vonetta Flowers switched to this speedy two-person sport and became the first person of African descent, male or female, to win a gold medal at a Winter Olympics.**

Question: What is bobsled?

**\$1000 Clue:**

**Tremendous skill on the tennis courts enabled Althea Gibson to become the first African American woman named Athlete of the Year by this organization.**

Question: What is the Associated Press?

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# Scoreboard

Write team names in the boxes. Keep track of point total under each team name.

