



Black History Heroes

Grade 4

Name: _____

Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Shirley Chisholm: Unbought and Unbossed Pioneer



Have you ever heard of a woman who was "Unbought and Unbossed" and made history in American politics? That was Shirley Chisholm, a true pioneer.

Born Shirley Anita St. Hill in Brooklyn, New York, in 1924, her parents were immigrants from Barbados. She learned early on the importance of education and community involvement. Her family instilled in her a strong sense of purpose and justice.

Shirley Chisholm achieved a major milestone in 1968. She became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York. Four years later, she made an even bolder move. She became the first African American woman to seek the nomination for President of the United States from a major party. Her famous motto was "unbought and unbossed." This meant she would not be controlled by political favors or outside influences.

Throughout her career, Chisholm faced significant challenges, including racial and gender discrimination. Many people doubted her ability to succeed. However, she stood firm in her beliefs and continued to fight for the rights of all Americans, especially women and minorities.

Shirley Chisholm's legacy is one of courage and breaking barriers. She opened doors for countless women and people of color in politics. She showed that with determination, anyone can strive for leadership and make a difference in their community and country.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) When was Shirley Chisholm first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives?

- (A) 1968 (B) 1972 (C) 1924 (D) 1980

(2) Shirley Chisholm's famous motto was "unbought and _____."

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) What does the word "pioneer" mean as it is used in the passage?

- (A) Someone who follows others
(B) Someone who is the first to do something important
(C) Someone who builds houses (D) Someone who writes books

(4) Why do you think Shirley Chisholm continued to fight for rights even when she faced discrimination? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

(5) How has Shirley Chisholm's work changed the world, and what can we learn from her life?



