



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Founder's Day Exercise

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Go to <https://vimeo.com/20390235> to complete the following exercise on Bishop Richard Allen.

Note: It is recommended that you first read the questions, watch the video, and then watch the video a second time to answer the following prompts.

1. Bishop Richard Allen was known as the Apostle of _____.
2. Bishop Allen was born on _____ the _____, _____ a slave to _____ of Philadelphia.
3. At the age of _____, Bishop Allen was sold to Stokely Sturgis in Delaware.
4. True or False: As a slave, Richard Allen was separated from most of his family.
5. What is the meaning of "My sins were a heavy burden. I thought hell would be my portion. I cried unto Him and all of sudden my dungeon shook and my chains flew off. "Glory to God," I cried?

6. Bishop Allen joined the _____ Society after traveling house to house telling others of the Dear Savior he had found.
7. Where did he meet the Methodist society for class? _____

8. True or False: The Methodists believed that all people are equal under the eyes of God.

9. Bible worship was Allen's first foot out of slavery. How did he buy his freedom? _____

10. After Allen moved to Philadelphia, Blacks came into _____ by leaps and bounds.

11. As Methodism started growing, Allen and _____ raised a Free African Society, for colored members.

12. True or False: The Methodist Society felt threatened by Allen's actions.

13. What did the trustee do to Absalom Jones?

14. How did this affect the blacks who worshiped at the St. George's Methodist Church?

15. In 1793, yellow fever broke out in America. Benjamin Rush wrongly concluded that Black people was immune to the disease. Matthew Carey published an account of the yellow fever outbreak. Allen wrote his own account. This was the first copyrighted pamphlet published by African Americans. It was important to write back then because _____

16. According to Richard Newman, the most striking quality about Richard Allen was that he had which of the following:

- a. Love b. Manpower c. Indomitable will d. Freedom

17. Bishop Allen started the A.M.E. Church and named it Bethel. Why is that significant?

18. What happened after Bethel was started? Chaos soon ensued. A lawsuit ended in the favor of the A.M.E. Church. It showed the essence of black determination. The AME Church became, as W.E.B. Dubois described, the greatest negro organization in the world.

19. After his first wife died, Allen married _____, with whom he had six children.

20. The Methodist Society knew nothing of women preachers. A young mother in Allen's congregation felt the calling to preach. Women weren't known to have been ordained then. But in a moment of the spirit, Allen recognized of God that women were called to preach. Did she receive resistance from men? Circle: YES or NO.

21. A free black colony? The American Colonization was a front to send all free blacks out of American Society. Allen believed in the idea of migrating outside of America. However, the movement did not find favor. Everything he did helped to prepare us for the future. He became committed to staying in America. Yet he died in peace in the year of _____ knowing that America was indeed home.

22. We are here. Now what? What is the future of the A.M.E. Church?

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