

The Exceptional Life of Benjamin Banneker

Born in 1731 to freed slaves on a farm in Baltimore, Benjamin Banneker was obsessed with math and science. And his appetite for knowledge only grew as he taught himself astronomy, mathematics, engineering, and the study of the natural world.

Watch a **VIDEO** about him and answer the following questions



1. As an adult he used astronomy to accurately predict lunar and solar events like the _____.
A. New Year
B. Solar eclipse
C. Harvest
D. Winter

2. Benjamin Banneker's striking clock chimed every _____.
A. 3 hours
B. 6 hours
C. 30 minutes
D. 1 hour

3. Benjamin Banneker created his striking clock from _____.
A. Plastic
B. Wood
C. Metal
D. Ceramic

4. In 1792, Banneker began publishing _____.
A. Children's storybooks
B. Scientific almanacs
C. Magazines
D. Fiction

5. Which President did Banneker write to regarding the poor treatment of black slaves in the country?
A. Washington
B. Obama
C. Jefferson
D. Bush