Which Famous Oklahoman Are You?

1. If you had a time machine, what period of Oklahoma would you visit?
   A. 1980s or 1990s
   B. 1950s or 1960s
   C. Indian Territory
   D. 1920s or 1930s

2. Which job seems most interesting to you?
   A. Political leader
   B. Teacher
   C. Police officer
   D. Comedian

3. How do you like to spend your free time?
   A. With family
   B. Volunteering
   C. Catching up on current events
   D. Joking around with friends

4. If you were stranded on a desert island, which of the following could you not live without?
   A. A friend
   B. Your favorite book
   C. A knife
   D. A guitar

5. Which of the following figures do you enjoy reading or learning about the most?
   A. Sequoyah
   B. Martin Luther King Jr.
   C. Wyatt Earp
   D. Bob Dylan

6. What kinds of people do you admire or usually look up to?
   A. Leaders, or those who aren’t afraid to be in the spotlight
   B. Activists, or those who stand up for themselves or others
   C. Helpers, or those who devote their lives to others
   D. Artists, or those who use music, writing, or comedy to entertain others and make people happy

7. Which quality do you find most important in a person?
   A. Caring
   B. Doing the right thing
   C. Hardworking
   D. Creative
If you answered mostly As: Wilma Mankiller
Activist and community leader Wilma Mankiller was the first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation. She served as chief from 1985 to 1995. During this time, tribal membership increased significantly. Her tribal initiatives improved living conditions and expanded health, education, and children’s services for Cherokee citizens. Celebrated for her community service and leadership, Mankiller received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

If you answered mostly Bs: Clara Luper
Clara Luper was a teacher and civil rights activist. She is most famous for starting the sit-in movement in Oklahoma City. In August 1958 Clara Luper, along with children from the NAACP Youth Council, walked into Oklahoma City's Katz Drug Store and sat down at the lunch counter. Being African American, they were refused service and told to leave. The protesters refused to leave, however, until they were served. This action led the way to the desegregation of all thirty-eight Katz lunch counter outlets, and before Luper ever had to set foot in Veazy's Drug Co. across the street, they changed their policy, too.

If you answered mostly Cs: Bass Reeves
Many considered Bass Reeves the most feared deputy US Marshal in Indian Territory. He was born a slave in Arkansas in 1838, but escaped to Indian Territory during the Civil War. An expert marksman, he also had legendary strength. Bass Reeves earned a reputation throughout the territory for his ability to catch outlaws that were difficult for others to track. He claimed to have arrested more than 3,000 fugitives during his career. Reeves served as Deputy US Marshal in the Indian Territory for thirty-two years. In 1907, he retired as a US Marshal and served as a police office in Muskogee, Oklahoma, until his death in 1910. Many claim Bass Reeves was the real-life inspiration for the hit television character the Lone Ranger.

If you answered mostly Ds: Will Rogers
Cherokee citizen and comedian Will Rogers, from Claremore, Oklahoma, learned how to be a cowboy on his father’s ranch. He would eventually join a Wild West Show, entertaining the crowd by doing rope tricks and riding a horse. Once motion pictures became popular, he moved to Hollywood and began acting in western movies. While acting, he began to write a newspaper column on the current news all the while ensuring he made people laugh.