

BECAUSE  
OF THEM  
WE CAN  
BOX

BECAUSE OF  
BLACK WALL STREET

ISSUE 4, 5-8

JUST FOR KIDS

FINANCIAL  
FREEDOM



BLACK  
WALL  
ST.



“(doctors)  
LAWYERS  
business owners  
COLLECTIVE  
ECONOMICS



# FIVE FACTS ABOUT BLACK WALL ST.

- BLACK WALL STREET HAD 108 AFRICAN-AMERICAN OWNED BUSINESSES.
- AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SHOP IN ANY OTHER AREA, SO THEY CREATED THEIR OWN.
- BLACK WALL STREET HAD SIX PRIVATE-OWNED AIRPLANES AND A COMMUNITY BUS SYSTEM.
- MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, W.E.B. DUBOIS, DINAH WASHINGTON, AND MANY OTHER INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN-AMERICANS VISITED TULSA.



- THE PEOPLE OF GREENWOOD TULSA SAID THAT THE BLACK DOLLAR CIRCULATED TWENTY-SIX TIMES BEFORE IT LEFT.



## WORD SEARCH

FIND THE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE

BLACK OWNED  
BLACKWALLSTREET  
BUSINESS  
DOCTOR  
GREENWOOD  
LANDRUSH  
LAWYER  
MILLIONS  
OKLAHOMA  
TULSA

NEIGHBOR  
★ HOOD

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# READ & ANSWER!

FROM 1889 TO 1907, THERE WAS A **LAND RUSH** IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. A LAND RUSH WAS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT GAVE LAND TO THOSE THAT ARRIVED FIRST. MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, SOME WITH NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTORS, MADE THEIR WAY TO OKLAHOMA HOPING TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF THEIR OWN. THIS AREA IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA WAS CALLED **GREENWOOD** BY 1906. IN 1921,



IT WAS HOME TO 10,000 AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE. GREENWOOD TULSA WAS ALSO KNOWN AS **BLACK WALL STREET** BECAUSE IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MAJORITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES. ON



BLACK WALL STREET, THERE WERE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LAWYERS, REAL-ESTATE AGENTS, DENTISTS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND DOCTORS THAT OFFERED THEIR SERVICES. ALMOST ALL OF ITS BUSINESSES WERE OWNED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS WORTH MILLIONS IN TODAY'S DOLLAR.

1. WHAT WERE THE NAMES GIVEN TO THE SUCCESSFUL AFRICAN-AMERICAN AREA IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA?

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2. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT IS A LAND RUSH?

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# ADD IT UP!



OTTOWA O.W. GURLEY

1. **OTTOWA O.W. GURLEY**, A WEALTHY AFRICAN-AMERICAN LANDOWNER, BOUGHT 40 ACRES OF LAND IN TULSA. IF O.W. BUILDS A HOTEL ON 3 ACRES, FIVE HOUSES ON 6 ACRES, AND TWO BUSINESSES ON 3 ACRES, **HOW MANY ACRES DOES HE HAVE LEFT TO SELL?**

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2. **LITTLE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER** HAS SOME MONEY IN HIS POCKET FOR HIS VISIT TO BLACK WALL STREET. HE WANTS TO BUY SOME ITEMS AT ITS BUSINESSES.

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES HE HAVE TO SPEND?

NAME ONE THING THAT GEORGE CAN BUY WITH HIS DOLLARS AND EXPLAIN YOUR THINKING.

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NAME SOMETHING THAT A GEORGE CANNOT BUY WITH HIS DOLLARS AND EXPLAIN YOUR THINKING.

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ITEM	PRICE
A HAIRCUT FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN BARBERSHOP	\$25
A NICE COAT MADE BY AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN TAILOR	\$66
A CONVERSATION WITH A LAWYER ABOUT AN INVENTION	\$190
A DOCTOR'S VISIT	\$45

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

**I WILL HONOR**  
THE SACRIFICES OF  
MY ANCESTORS.

**I WILL BELIEVE**  
IN ME.

**I WILL PURSUE**  
MY DREAMS.

**I WILL HELP**  
OTHERS ALONG  
THE WAY.