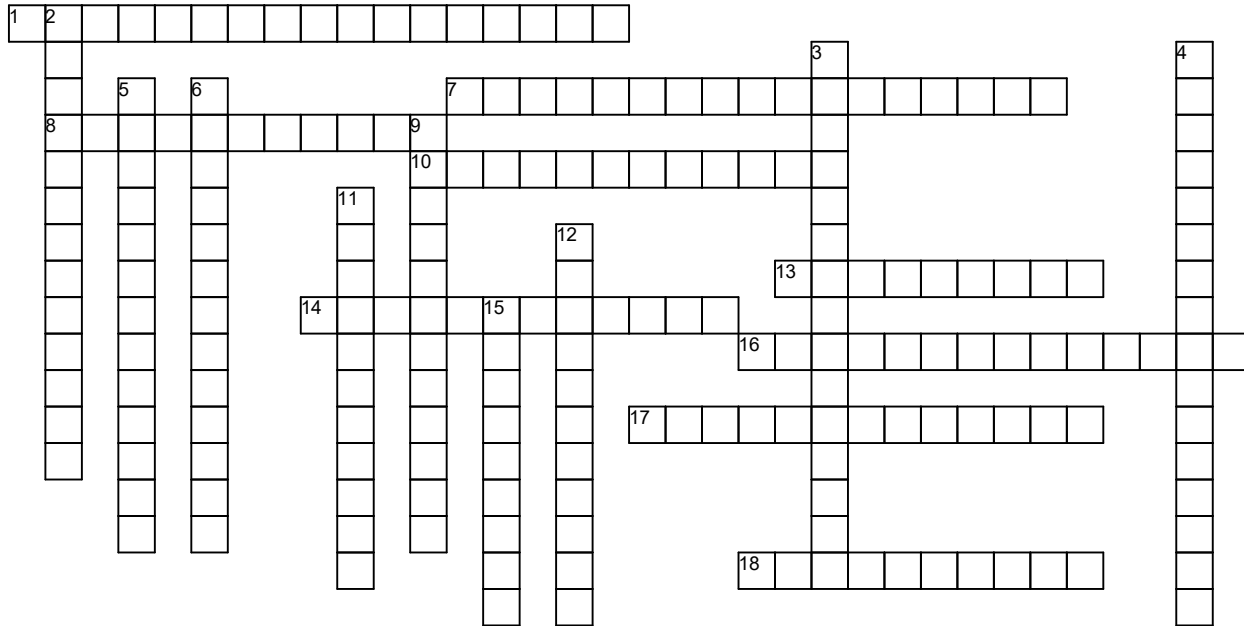


African American Authors Crossword Puzzle

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct answer in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

1. Groundbreaking playwright celebrated for her seminal work "A Raisin in the Sun," depicting African American life in Chicago. .
7. Award-winning author known for her works exploring themes of identity, race, and family, including "Brown Girl Dreaming" and "Another Brooklyn."
8. Pulitzer Prize-winning author celebrated for her novel "The Color Purple," exploring themes of race and womanhood. .
10. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright famed for his "Pittsburgh Cycle," chronicling African American experiences in the 20th century. .
13. Author of the acclaimed novel "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," which traced African American lineage from slavery to freedom. .
14. Renowned novelist, playwright, and essayist known for his works like "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and "The Fire Next Time."
16. Influential poet and leader of the Harlem Renaissance, famed for works such as "The Negro Speaks of Rivers."
17. Acclaimed author known for his seminal works "Native Son" and "Black Boy," capturing the African American experience. .
18. Two-time National Book Award-winning author celebrated for her novels "Salvage the Bones" and "Sing, Unburied, Sing."

DOWN

2. Pioneering science fiction writer known for her innovative works like the "Patternist" series and "Kindred."
3. First African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, known for her poignant verses capturing urban African American life. .
4. Author and anthropologist renowned for her novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God."
5. Renowned poet known for her powerful and socially conscious verses, such as "Ego-Tripping" and "Nikki-Rosa."
6. Bestselling author celebrated for her novels like "Waiting to Exhale" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."
9. Influential novelist celebrated for his groundbreaking work "Invisible Man," examining issues of identity and race in America. .
11. Renowned poet and memoirist known for her groundbreaking work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."
12. Renowned author of the Harlem Renaissance, known for her novels "Quicksand" and "Passing."
15. Influential author, feminist theorist, and cultural critic known for her works like "Ain't I a Woman?" and "Feminism is for Everybody."

Alice Walker

Nella Larsen

Richard Wright

Jacqueline Woodson

Bell Hooks

August Wilson

Ralph Ellison

Jesmyn Ward

James Baldwin

Nikki Giovanni

Lorraine Hansberry

Octavia Butler

Maya Angelou

Langston Hughes

Zora Neale Hurston

Alex Haley

Gwendolyn Brooks

Terry McMillan