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The Black Test

The Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity is a 100-question intelligence test curated by Dr. Williams as an intelligence quotient that would demonstrate cultural bias in previous intelligence testing. The questions presented in this test would employ familiar cultural context to African American test takers.

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Ebonics

A combination of "ebony" and "phonics." A term first coined by Dr. Williams, who is most well-known for his contributions to linguistic studies.

On December 18th, 1996, Ebonics became recognized as the official language for the African American students in the district of Oakland, California.



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With an acute focus on racial bias, he assisted in the fight for equality for black students to start leveling the playing field for black and white scholars alike. Dr. Robert Lee Williams made immense contributions to both psychological and linguistic studies.