

Black History Month: Heroes and History Quiz

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension and knowledge of significant figures in Black history, whilst identifying key contributions to society.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Read the information passage carefully and use your best inference and retrieval skills to answer these questions. Check your answers using the Answer Key provided in the passage section.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.B, 3.True, 4.Rosa Parks, 5.True, 6.Mary Seacole, 7.A, 8.True, 9.False, 10.B.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. We remember figures like Mary Seacole, who showed incredible bravery as a nurse during the Crimean War. We celebrate pioneers like Rosa Parks, whose quiet strength helped spark the movement for civil rights in the USA. We also honour inventors and leaders who changed our world forever. Their resilience and courage continue to inspire us to build a fairer society today.

Word bank: Pioneer · Legacy · Inspiration · Courage · Contribution · Resilience · Equality · Trailblazer

1. Which historical figure is known for her heroic nursing work during the Crimean War? A) Rosa Parks B) Harriet Tubman C) Mary Seacole* D) Maya Angelou (1 mark)

2. What is the primary purpose of Black History Month? A) To study geography B) To celebrate the contributions of Black people* C) To learn about ancient fossils D) To practise maths (1 mark)

3. True or False: Resilience is a quality often associated with the people we celebrate during Black History Month. (1 mark)

4. Who is the famous activist known for taking a stand for civil rights on a bus in Montgomery? (1 mark)

5. True or False: Black History Month only focuses on people who lived in the United Kingdom. (1 mark)

6. Who set up the 'British Hotel' to provide care and comfort for soldiers? (1 mark)

7. If someone is a 'pioneer', what does that mean? A) Someone who is the first to do something* B) Someone who loves to paint C) Someone who collects stamps D) A type of animal (1 mark)

8. True or False: Learning about history helps us understand the importance of equality. (1 mark)

9. True or False: Mary Seacole was a famous scientist who studied plants. (1 mark)

10. Which word best describes someone who shows great bravery in the face of difficulty?
A) Shy B) Courageous* C) Careless D) Quiet (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who inspires you. Include a speech bubble showing one word that describes their character, such as 'Courage' or 'Kindness'.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why it is important to study the lives of people from different backgrounds in history. 2. Compare and contrast the roles of Mary Seacole and a modern-day nurse. 3. Justify your answer: Why do we call people who change history 'trailblazers'? 4. If you could interview a historical figure, what three questions would you ask to learn about their legacy? 5. What might happen to our understanding of the world if we only learned about one type of history? 6. Write a short paragraph about how you can contribute to a fairer school environment today.