

Trailblazers of History: A Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions and achievements of significant Black individuals throughout history and understand the importance of Black History Month.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the stories of remarkable people who changed our world! Read each question carefully and select or write your best answer.

Answer Key: 1. A (Mary Seacole); 2. True; 3. 1948; 4. B (Walter Tull); 5. False; 6. Activist; 7. C (Rosa Parks); 8. True; 9. Resilience; 10. October. Learning points: These figures demonstrated immense courage and dedication to equality, shaping the diverse society we live in today.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Windrush · contribution · activist · pioneer · resilience

1. Which British-Jamaican nurse set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War? A) Mary Seacole* B) Florence Nightingale C) Elizabeth Fry D) Ada Lovelace (1 mark)

2. True or False: Black History Month is celebrated to honour the achievements and contributions of Black people to history and culture. (1 mark)

3. In which year did the HMT Empire Windrush arrive in Britain, bringing people from the Caribbean to help rebuild the country after the war? (1 mark)

4. Who was the professional footballer and brave soldier who became one of the first Black officers to lead white troops into battle? A) Jesse Owens B) Walter Tull* C) Marcus Rashford D) Learie Constantine (1 mark)

5. True or False: Black History Month has always been celebrated in the UK during the month of February. (1 mark)

6. Fill in the blank: A person who works hard to change laws or bring about social change is known as an _____. (1 mark)

7. Which individual is famous for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama, sparking a movement for civil rights? A) Harriet Tubman B) Maya Angelou C) Rosa Parks* D) Shirley Chisholm (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Olaudah Equiano was an author and abolitionist who campaigned against the slave trade in Britain. (1 mark)

9. 9. What personality trait describes the ability to recover quickly from difficulties and keep going despite challenges? (1 mark)

10. 10. In the UK, which month is dedicated to celebrating Black History Month? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp celebrating a historical figure who has made a positive impact on the world. Include symbols that represent their achievements.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why it is important for historians to uncover stories that have been overlooked in the past. 2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole with a modern-day pioneer. 3. Justify your answer: Which historical figure do you believe had the greatest impact on civil rights, and why? 4. What might happen if we stopped learning about the history of diverse groups of people? 5. Create a poem in the style of Leo the Lion honouring the bravery of a historical figure. 6. If you were designing a monument for a local hero, where would you place it and what symbols would you include?