

Black History Month: Celebrating Heroes and Pioneers

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Black History Month and learn about influential figures who have shaped history.

Welcome! Today, Ellie the elephant is helping us look back at history. Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of important historical figures to answer this quick quiz.

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

Word bank: Pioneer · Inspiration · Contribution · Resilience · Heritage · Equality

1. 1. In the UK, which month is officially dedicated to celebrating Black History Month? A) January B) May C) October* D) December (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. Which brave nurse, born in Jamaica, set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Who was the first Black person to win an Olympic gold medal for Great Britain? A) Mo Farah B) Arthur Wharton C) Tessa Sanderson* D) Lewis Hamilton (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Black History Month only focuses on history from the last ten years. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Walter Tull was a professional footballer who also became one of the first Black officers in the British Army during World War I. (True/False) (1 mark)

7. 7. Which city in the UK holds the largest Black History Month celebrations? A) Birmingham B) London* C) Manchester D) Bristol (1 mark)

8. 8. Which famous activist's refusal to give up her seat on a bus in America sparked a massive movement for civil rights? (2-word answer) (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the main purpose of Black History Month? A) To recognise the contributions of Black people to society* B) To learn how to bake cake C) To study ocean currents D) To practice geography skills (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Black History Month is a time to celebrate culture, art, and achievements. (True/False) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who inspires you, or draw a symbol that represents unity and friendship, just like Ellie the elephant enjoys in her history books.



Extension challenge: Research one person from the list above or another figure of your choice. Write three sentences explaining why their contribution to history is important today.