

Celebrating Pioneers: A Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions and achievements of Black historical figures and understand the significance of Black History Month.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge to answer them. Some questions have multiple choices, while others require a quick answer.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Mary Seacole, 4.B, 5.False, 6.A, 7.True, 8.Invention, 9.B, 10.True. These historical figures demonstrated resilience and courage, teaching us that everyone has the potential to change the world regardless of their background.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Contribution · Pioneer · Inspiration · Equality · Heritage

1. 1. Which famous nurse set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War? A) Florence Nightingale B) Marie Curie C) Mary Seacole* D) Rosa Parks (1 mark)

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

3. 3. Who was the first Black woman to be elected to the British Parliament in 1987? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Walter Tull was a pioneer in which field? A) Space travel B) Football and the military* C) Deep sea exploration D) Computer coding (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Black History Month is only about learning about people from the United States. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. Which of these words best describes someone who is the first to do something new or lead the way? A) Pioneer* B) Follower C) Amateur D) Spectator (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Dr Martin Luther King Jr. was a key leader in the movement for civil rights and equality. (True/False) (1 mark)

8. 8. Benjamin Banneker was a self-taught mathematician and astronomer who helped design the layout of which capital city? (One word answer) (1 mark)

9. 9. Why is it important to learn about history? A) To memorise dates B) To learn from the past to create a fairer future* C) Because it is easy D) To pass an exam (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Rosa Parks is remembered for her courageous stand against unfair laws on a bus in Alabama. (True/False) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of someone who inspires you today, just like the pioneers we have learned about. Include a background that shows one of their greatest achievements or hobbies.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why it is important for historians to document the stories of people from all backgrounds. 2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole with a modern-day nurse. 3. Justify your answer: Does one person have the power to change the world, or does it require a group? 4. What might happen if we only read about one type of person in our history books? 5. Research a local hero in your community and write a short poem about their contribution. 6. How can you demonstrate the value of equality in your classroom this week?