

Trailblazers of History: A Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To develop research skills and demonstrate knowledge of influential Black historical figures who have shaped British and global society.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey through time! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of history to answer. For the multiple-choice questions, select the correct letter.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Mary Seacole, 4.B, 5.True, 6.A, 7.False, 8.B, 9.True, 10.1948

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Windrush · Activist · Legacy · Pioneer · Inspiration · Equality · Contribution

1. 1. Who was the pioneering nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to set up the 'British Hotel' for soldiers? A) Florence Nightingale B) Rosa Parks C) Mary Seacole* D) Harriet Tubman (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948, marking a significant moment in British migration history. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which heroic figure, known as the 'Moses of her people', led enslaved people to freedom via the Underground Railroad? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the main goal of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States? A) To build more schools B) To achieve racial equality and justice* C) To change the currency to pounds D) To invent new technology (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Black History Month is celebrated in the UK during the month of October. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which famous scientist and mathematician helped NASA calculate the flight trajectories for the first moon landing? A) Katherine Johnson* B) Mae Jemison C) Dorothy Vaughan D) Mary Jackson (1 mark)

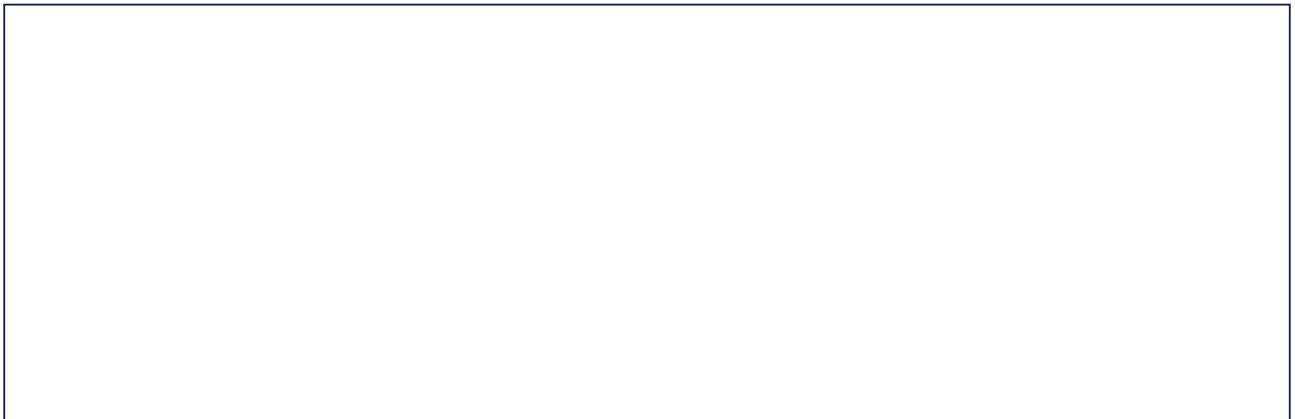
7. 7. True or False: Olaudah Equiano was a famous 18th-century poet who never campaigned against the slave trade. (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these terms best describes someone who works to bring about political or social change? A) Architect B) Activist* C) Astronomer D) Apprentice (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Black History Month provides an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Black people to British culture, science, and history. (1 mark)

10. 10. In which year did the HMT Empire Windrush arrive in the UK? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp celebrating the legacy of a person you have studied. Include symbols that represent their greatest achievements.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why it is important to study Black history throughout the entire year, rather than just in October. 2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole and a modern-day pioneer of your choice. 3. Justify the statement: 'History is shaped by individuals who dare to challenge the status quo.' 4. What might happen to our understanding of the modern world if we ignored the contributions of diverse historical figures? 5. Research a local Black historical figure from your own region; how did they impact your community? 6. Design a museum exhibit plan that highlights the 'Windrush Generation' and their influence on British music, food, and language.