

Trailblazers of Change: A History Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures to British and global society, exploring their impact on science, literature, and human rights.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through time! Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to identify these influential figures. Write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. C, 5. True, 6. Walter Tull, 7. B, 8. False, 9. 1948, 10. A. Ellie's Note: A legacy is the lasting impact someone leaves behind for future generations to build upon.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Windrush · Inspiration · Activism · Innovation · Legacy

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

2. 2. True or False: Walter Tull was one of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and became a commissioned officer in the British Army during the First World War. (1 mark)

3. 3. Identify the nurse who was famously rejected by official nursing organisations due to her heritage but travelled to the Crimea independently to help others: _____ (1 mark)

4. 4. Who is often celebrated for her role in the Montgomery bus boycott, which helped spark the movement for civil rights in the USA? A) Harriet Tubman B) Maya Angelou C) Rosa Parks* D) Sojourner Truth (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948, marking the beginning of a significant wave of post-war migration to the UK. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which historic figure was a trailblazing footballer for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town before serving his country? _____ (1 mark)

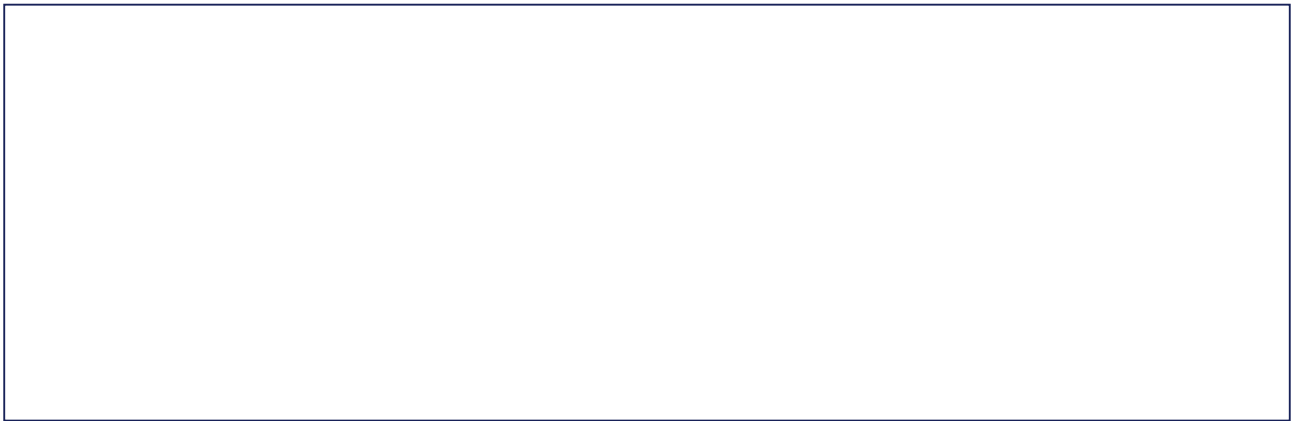
7. 7. In what year did the HMT Empire Windrush arrive in Britain? A) 1939 B) 1948* C) 1952 D) 1945 (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in the 1990s. (1 mark)

9. 9. What was the name of the ship that brought many Caribbean people to the UK to help rebuild the country after the Second World War? _____ (1 mark)

10. 10. Which organisation or movement focuses on ensuring the voices of Black Britons are heard and celebrated? A) The Black History Month UK movement* B) The Royal Society C) The British Museum D) The National Trust (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp honouring a person you have learned about today. Include symbols that represent their achievements (e.g., a medical cross for a nurse, or a football for an athlete).



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why it is important to study diverse historical perspectives in the UK National Curriculum. 2. Compare and contrast the contributions of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale; how did their experiences differ? 3. Justify why the arrival of the Windrush generation is considered a turning point in British history. 4. What might happen if we only relied on one source of information when learning about the past? 5. Research a local Black historical figure from your own region; how did they shape your community? 6. Create a short poem or speech that celebrates the concept of 'legacy' and why we remember historical trailblazers today.