

Trailblazers of History: A Journey with Ellie

Learning objective: To develop a chronological and thematic understanding of significant figures in Black history and their contributions to society.

Join Ellie the elephant, our history expert, on this quiz. Answer the following ten questions to test your knowledge of people who have shaped our world. Use the word bank for help if you get stuck!

Answer Key: 1. A (Mary Seacole), 2. True, 3. 1948, 4. B (Rosa Parks), 5. True, 6. Invention, 7. B (Benjamin Banneker), 8. False, 9. Nelson Mandela, 10. True. Ellie's Fact: Mary Seacole was a pioneer who opened the 'British Hotel' to care for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Windrush · Civil Rights · Invention · Migration · Justice · Equality · Trailblazer

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

2. 2. True or False: The HMT Empire Windrush arrived in the UK in 1948, bringing people from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War. (1 mark)

3. 3. In which year did the HMT Empire Windrush dock at Tilbury Docks in Essex? (1 mark)

4. 4. Who became a symbol of the American Civil Rights Movement after refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery? A) Harriet Tubman B) Rosa Parks* C) Maya Angelou D) Sojourner Truth (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Olaudah Equiano wrote an autobiography that helped people understand the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade, eventually leading to its abolition. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the missing word: Benjamin Banneker was a self-taught mathematician and astronomer who is famous for his work in science and _____. (1 mark)

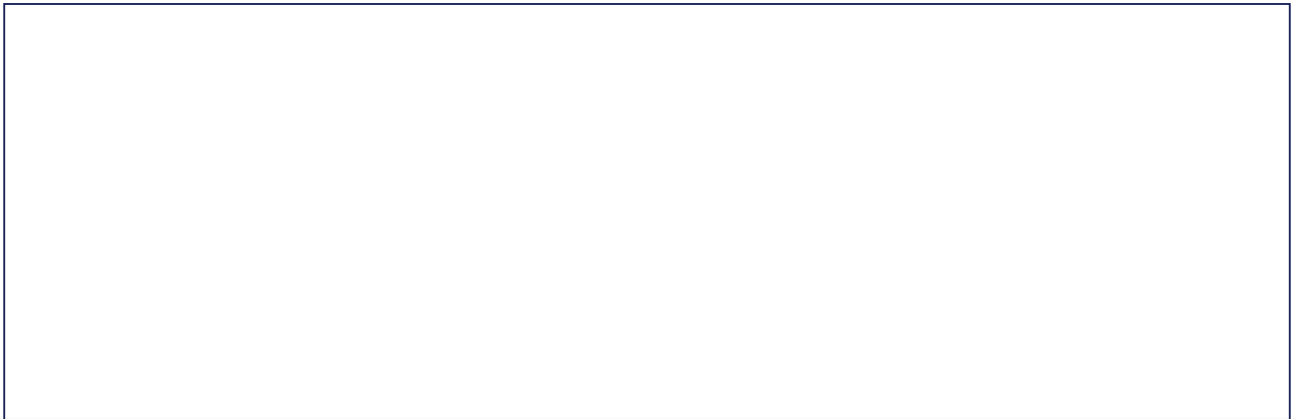
7. 7. Which of these individuals was a renowned mathematician who helped survey the boundaries for Washington D.C.? A) Martin Luther King Jr B) Benjamin Banneker* C) Frederick Douglass D) George Washington Carver (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: History shows that all significant changes in society were achieved by only one person acting alone. (1 mark)

9. 9. Name the South African leader who spent 27 years in prison before becoming the country's first Black president, symbolising the struggle for equality. (1 mark)

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

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you believe is a 'trailblazer' in history. Include symbols around them that represent their greatest achievements or the values they stood for.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush is considered a turning point in modern British social history. 2. Compare and contrast the methods used by two different historical figures to campaign for justice. 3. Justify your answer: Why is it important to study the history of individuals from diverse backgrounds? 4. What might happen if historians only recorded the stories of leaders and ignored the contributions of everyday people? 5. If you could interview one of the people mentioned in this quiz, what three questions would you ask them? 6. Research a local figure from your own town or city who contributed to the community and write a short poem about their legacy.