History Heroes: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures and understand why we celebrate Black History Month.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge to identify the trailblazers who have changed our world. Write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. B, 5. True, 6. 1948, 7. C, 8. False, 9. Courage, 10. October.
Ellie's Fact: Black History Month is a time to celebrate stories that were often left out of history books in the past. By learning about these figures, we gain a fuller picture of our shared human story.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Rosa Parks · Windrush · contribution · courage · history

1. Which brave lady set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War? A) Mary Seacole* B) Rosa Parks C) Florence Nightingale D) Harriet Tubman (1 mark)

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

3. Who is known as the 'Mother of the Freedom Movement' for her brave stand on a bus in Alabama? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

4. The arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush brought people from the Caribbean to Britain in which year? A) 1939 B) 1948* C) 1955 D) 1960 (1 mark)

5. True or False: Historical figures like Walter Tull were only famous for their work in science. (1 mark)

6. What was the name of the ship that brought many people from the Caribbean to start new lives in the UK in 1948? (1 mark)

7. Which of these qualities did Mary Seacole show when she travelled to the war zone to help others? A) Fear B) Laziness C) Compassion* D) Silence (1 mark)

8. True or False: Black History Month is only celebrated by people living in Africa. (1 mark)

9. Which month do we celebrate Black History Month in the United Kingdom? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

10. Explain why it is important for historians to include stories from all different backgrounds when writing books about the past. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical hero you have learned about today, surrounded by symbols that represent their achievements (e.g., a nurse's cap for Mary Seacole or a bus for Rosa Parks).

Extension challenge: 1. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. How did they both show resilience? 2. Justify your answer: Why is it important to learn about Black history all year round, not just in October? 3. What might happen if we only ever read one version of history? 4. Explain why the 'Windrush' generation is considered a vital part of modern British culture. 5. If you could interview a historical figure from this quiz, what three questions would you ask them to learn more about their life? 6. Create a 'History Medal' design for a hero who you believe deserves more recognition.