History Heroes: A Celebration of Black History

Learning objective: To identify key figures and understand the significance of Black history in the UK and beyond.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through time! Read the questions carefully and test your knowledge on these inspiring figures. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. C, 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Rosa Parks, 7. A, 8. False, 9. 1948, 10. True. Black History Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of Black people to British society and world history.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Windrush · Activist · Civil Rights · Pioneer

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

2. 2. True or False: Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987. (1 mark)

3. 3. Who was the famous American activist who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. In what year did the Empire Windrush arrive at Tilbury Docks, bringing hundreds of people from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain? A) 1939 B) 1948* C) 1955 D) 1960 (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A 'pioneer' is someone who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area, or lead the way in a specific field. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which athlete became the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal for Great Britain? A) Kelly Holmes B) Tessa Sanderson* C) Denise Lewis D) Christine Ohuruogu (1 mark)

7. 7. What do we call a person who campaigns to bring about political or social change? A) Activist* B) Historian C) Politician D) Scientist (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Black History Month is only celebrated in the United Kingdom. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which famous scientist and mathematician, Katherine Johnson, was vital to the success of which major space programme? A) Mars Rover B) Apollo Moon Missions* C) Space Station D) Hubble Telescope (1 mark)

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10. 10. True or False: Olaudah Equiano was an author and abolitionist who campaigned against the slave trade in Britain. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you admire who has made a difference in history. Include a small speech bubble showing one thing they achieved.

Extension challenge: Research a Black Briton who has made a significant contribution to science or the arts. Write a short paragraph explaining why their work is still important today.