A Legacy of Change: Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To analyse and evaluate the contributions of significant figures in Black history whilst developing vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical journey! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of key historical figures and movements to answer. Keep an eye on your spelling and grammar.

Answer Key: 1. A (Mary Seacole), 2. True, 3. 1948, 4. B (Rosa Parks), 5. True, 6. Nelson Mandela, 7. C (Windrush Generation), 8. False, 9. 1963, 10. True. Ellie's Note: These figures showed immense resilience in the face of adversity, paving the way for a more equitable society.

Word bank: Abolitionist · Legacy · Injustice · Pioneer · Resilience · Contribution · Advocate · Civil Rights

1. 1. Which pioneering nurse set up the 'British Hotel' behind the lines during the Crimean War? A) Mary Seacole* B) Florence Nightingale C) Harriet Tubman D) Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Olaudah Equiano was a prominent writer and abolitionist who campaigned against the slave trade. (1 mark)

3. 3. In what year did the HMT Empire Windrush arrive at Tilbury Docks, bringing hundreds of passengers from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain? (1 mark)

4. 4. Who is famously associated with the Montgomery Bus Boycott in the United States? A) Martin Luther King Jr. B) Rosa Parks* C) Maya Angelou D) Malcolm X (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 South African leader spent 27 years in prison before becoming the country's first Black president? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. What term describes the group of people who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries? A) The Pioneers B) The Immigrants C) The Windrush Generation* D) The Commonwealth Group (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Slavery in the British Empire was never legally abolished. (1 mark)

9. 9. In which year did Dr Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his iconic 'I Have a Dream' speech? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: A 'pioneer' is someone who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area, or develop a new idea. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp honouring a Black historical figure of your choice. Include a border that incorporates patterns or symbols that represent their life or achievements.

Extension challenge: 1. Explain why it is vital for historians to document the achievements of individuals who were previously overlooked. 2. Compare and contrast the methods used by different civil rights activists to achieve equality. 3. Justify your answer: Does a single month dedicated to Black history provide enough focus, or should it be integrated into the curriculum year-round? 4. What might happen if we failed to preserve the oral histories of the Windrush Generation? 5. Research a local Black hero in your own town or city and write a persuasive paragraph explaining why a statue should be built in their honour. 6. Analyse how the language used in historical speeches has influenced modern-day campaigns for justice.