Celebrating Pioneers: A Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the achievements of significant Black individuals throughout history and understand the importance of celebrating diverse contributions to society.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of remarkable people who have made a positive difference in our world.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Mary Seacole, 4.B, 5.True, 6.False, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Science, 10.B. Ellie's Reflection: Black History Month is a time to celebrate stories that were often left out of history books. By learning about these pioneers, we gain a fuller picture of how our world was built and who helped shape it.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Contribution · Pioneer · Inspiration · Diversity · Equality · Courage

1. 1. Who was the courageous nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to help wounded soldiers? A) Florence Nightingale B) Marie Curie C) Mary Seacole* D) Rosa Parks (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. Which famous athlete and activist, often called 'The Greatest', used his platform to speak out for equality? (One-word answer: Surname only) (1 mark)

4. 4. What is a 'pioneer'? A) Someone who follows others B) Someone who is the first to do something new* C) Someone who collects old coins D) A type of ancient map (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diversity means including people from many different backgrounds and experiences. (True/False) (1 mark)

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

7. 7. Who was the first Black woman to travel into space? A) Mae Jemison* B) Katherine Johnson C) Harriet Tubman D) Dorothy Vaughan (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Every person has the power to make a positive contribution to their community. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. Katherine Johnson was a brilliant mathematician whose calculations helped humans reach which destination? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. Why is it important to learn about history? A) To memorise dates only B) To understand how the past shapes our present* C) To make history books heavier D) To win a quiz (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'Tree of Inspiration'. On the roots, write the names of historical figures you admire. On the leaves, write qualities they possessed, such as 'courage', 'kindness', or 'determination'.

Extension challenge: 1. Explain why it is important to include diverse voices when we learn about history. 2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole with those faced by a modern-day activist. 3. Justify your answer: If you could nominate one person today to be a 'history maker' for the future, who would it be and why? 4. What might happen if we only ever heard one perspective of a historical event? 5. How can you demonstrate the value of equality in your own classroom? 6. Research a local Black historical figure from your own town or city and create a short biography.