

# Trailblazers of History: A Black History Month Quiz

*Learning objective: To learn about the significant contributions of Black historical figures and understand why we celebrate their achievements during Black History Month.*

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through time! Read the facts carefully and answer the questions below to test your knowledge of history's inspiring heroes.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. C, 5. True, 6. B, 7. Walter Tull, 8. False, 9. Courage, 10. A.  
Ellie's Fact File: Black History Month is a time to celebrate stories that were often left out of history books. From nurses like Mary Seacole to civil rights activists like Rosa Parks, these individuals changed the world through their bravery and dedication to fairness.

*Word bank: Mary Seacole · Rosa Parks · Inspiration · Contribution · Justice · Equality · Trailblazer*

**1. 1. Who was known as 'Mother Seacole' for her brave nursing work during the Crimean War? A) Florence Nightingale B) Mary Seacole\* C) Rosa Parks D) Harriet Tubman (1 mark)**

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

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**3. 3. Which famous lady helped set up the 'British Hotel' to provide food and medicine for soldiers? (1 mark)**

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**4. 4. Rosa Parks is famous for her role in which movement? A) The Space Race B) The invention of the lightbulb C) The fight for civil rights\* D) The discovery of electricity (1 mark)**

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**5. 5. True or False: Walter Tull was the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War. (1 mark)**

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**6. 6. What does the word 'trailblazer' mean in the context of history? A) Someone who builds roads B) A person who leads the way and inspires others\* C) A person who likes to run races D) A famous artist (1 mark)**

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**7. 7. Who was the first Black professional footballer to play for Tottenham Hotspur? (1 mark)**

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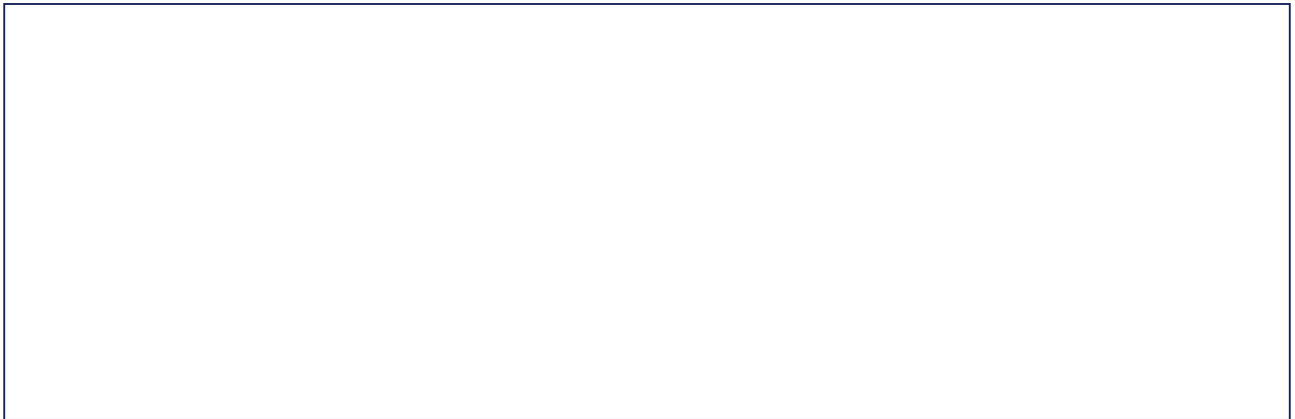
**8. 8. True or False: History is only made by kings and queens. (1 mark)**

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**9. 9. Fill in the blank: It took great \_\_\_\_\_ for civil rights leaders to stand up against unfair laws. (1 mark)**

**10. 10. Why is it important to learn about different people from the past? A) To understand how everyone helped shape our world today\* B) Because it is easy C) Because teachers like it D) To memorise dates (1 mark)**

**Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you admire who has made a positive change in the world. Include a symbol next to them that represents their special talent or bravery.**



*Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why it is important to include diverse stories when we study history. 2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks; how did they both show resilience? 3. Justify your answer: If you could invite one historical figure to your classroom, who would it be and what question would you ask them? 4. What might happen if we only ever heard one side of a historical story? 5. Write a short poem about what 'equality' means to you. 6. Research a local hero from your own town or city and write a paragraph explaining their contribution.*