

Ellie's Brilliant Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and describe the achievements of key figures and events in Black history, both in the UK and globally.

Help Ellie the elephant complete her history project! Answer these 10 quick-fire questions. For multiple choice, choose A, B, C, or D. For True/False, write the correct word. For one-word answers, keep it short!

Answer Key: 1: B (Mary Seacole), 2: True, 3: Bus, 4: C (Empire Windrush), 5: True, 6: A (Dream), 7: Caribbean, 8: D (Nelson Mandela), 9: True, 10: Civil Rights.

Word bank: October · Windrush · Seacole · Dream · Caribbean · Mandela · NASA · Equality

1. 1. Which famous nurse travelled from Jamaica to help British soldiers during the Crimean War? A) Florence Nightingale B) Mary Seacole* C) Rosa Parks D) Harriet Tubman (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: In the United Kingdom, Black History Month is celebrated every year during the month of October. (1 mark)

3. 3. In 1955, Rosa Parks famously refused to give up her seat on a ____ in Montgomery, Alabama. (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the name of the ship that arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948, bringing people from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain? A) The Mayflower B) The Victory C) The Empire Windrush* D) The Discovery (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Walter Tull was a hero who served as an officer in the British Army and was also a professional footballer. (1 mark)

6. 6. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. is famous for a historic speech delivered in 1963. What was it called? A) I Have a Dream* B) I Have a Plan C) I Have a Goal D) I Have a Wish (1 mark)

7. 7. Ellie is looking at a map of the islands where the Windrush Generation came from. What is the name of this sea/region? (1 word) (1 mark)

8. 8. Who spent 27 years in prison before becoming the first Black President of South Africa? A) Barack Obama B) Desmond Tutu C) Kofi Annan D) Nelson Mandela* (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Katherine Johnson was a brilliant mathematician whose calculations helped NASA send the first astronauts to the moon. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the two-word name of the movement in the 1950s and 60s that campaigned for equal rights for Black people? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Empire Windrush ship arriving in Britain, with people waving from the deck.



Extension challenge: Choose one person from the quiz today. Write three sentences explaining why their actions changed the world for the better.