

Trailblazers of History: A Black History Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions and impact of significant Black historical figures and understand their influence on British and global society.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through time! Read each question carefully. For multiple-choice questions, select the correct letter. For True/False and short-answer questions, write your response clearly.

Answer Key: 1. C, 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Rosa Parks, 7. A, 8. True, 9. The Windrush Generation, 10. False (He was a campaigner for the abolition of the slave trade).

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Windrush · Abolition · Civil Rights · Inspiration · Legacy · Pioneers

1. 1. Who was the nurse known as 'Mother Seacole' for her care of soldiers during the Crimean War? A) Harriet Tubman B) Florence Nightingale C) Mary Seacole* D) Rosa Parks (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Olaudah Equiano wrote an autobiography that helped people understand the horrors of the slave trade. (True/False) (1 mark)

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

4. 4. The ship HMT Empire Windrush arrived in Britain in which year? A) 1945 B) 1948* C) 1950 D) 1952 (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Walter Tull was one of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and served as an officer in the British Army. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. Who became a symbol of the American Civil Rights Movement after refusing to give up her seat on a bus in 1955? (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the name of the movement that campaigned to end the slave trade? A) Abolition* B) The Great Migration C) Civil Rights D) Suffrage (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Learners and historians study Black history to understand how diverse voices have shaped the world we live in today. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. What name is given to the people who arrived in the UK from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild the country? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Ignatius Sancho was the first known Black person to vote in a British general election. (True/False) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical hero you have learned about today. Add a speech bubble showing one word that describes their bravery or kindness.



Extension challenge: Research a person from Black British history who lived in your local area or city. Write a short paragraph explaining why they are an important part of our local heritage.