Celebrating Remarkable People: A Black History Month Quiz

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions of significant Black individuals to history and society, and to understand the importance of celebrating diversity.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember, history is full of stories that help us understand our world better today.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Mary Seacole, 4.B, 5.True, 6.Courage, 7.A, 8.False, 9.Doctors and nurses, 10.B. Ellie's Note: Celebrating Black History Month helps us appreciate the bravery and brilliance of people who made our world a kinder, fairer place.

Word bank: Rosa Parks · Mary Seacole · Contribution · Inspiration · Equality · Courage

1. 1. Who is famous for her courage on a bus in Alabama, which helped lead to better laws for everyone? A) A scientist B) A queen C) Rosa Parks* D) An explorer (1 mark)

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

3. 3. Which British-Jamaican woman was a famous nurse who helped soldiers during the Crimean War? (1 mark)

4. 4. What does it mean to show 'courage'? A) To run away B) To stand up for what is right even when it is scary* C) To sleep all day D) To eat breakfast (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Everyone, no matter what they look like or where they come from, deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Helping others and standing up for fairness is an act of _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Why do we celebrate Black History Month? A) To learn about important stories we might have missed* B) Because it is a birthday party C) To buy new books D) To practice maths (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: History only happens in the past and does not affect our lives today. (1 mark)

9. 9. Many Black individuals have worked in science and medicine. What kind of jobs do these people often do? (1 mark)

10. 10. If you wanted to find out more about a historical hero, what is the best thing to do? A) Guess their story B) Research using books and reliable websites* C) Make up a story D) Forget about it (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'Hero of History'. You could draw someone you learned about today, or a person you think is a hero in your own community.

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why it is important to learn about people from different backgrounds. 2. Compare and contrast the roles of two historical figures you have studied. 3. Justify your answer: Why do we celebrate these people in October instead of just one day? 4. What might happen if we only ever heard stories about one type of person? 5. If you could interview a historical hero, which three questions would you ask them to understand their life better? 6. Write a short poem about why 'equality' is an important word in our classroom.