

Black History Month: Celebrating Heroes and Heritage

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions of Black individuals to British and global history and understand the importance of Black History Month.

Join Ellie the elephant, who loves history, for this quick quiz! Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. B (October), 2. True, 3. Mary Seacole, 4. C (1948), 5. True, 6. Rosa Parks, 7. A (Windrush Generation), 8. False, 9. Walter Tull, 10. True. Ellie the elephant reminds us that history is made by many voices working together for a fairer world.

Word bank: Contribution · Legacy · Inclusion · Diversity · Resilience · History

1. 1. In the UK, which month is dedicated to Black History Month? A) February, B) October*, C) June, D) August (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Black History Month aims to celebrate the often-overlooked achievements of Black people throughout history. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which famous nurse, known as the 'British Hotel' keeper, cared for soldiers during the Crimean War? (1 mark)

4. 4. The HMT Empire Windrush arrived in the UK in which year? A) 1939, B) 1945, C) 1948*, D) 1950 (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diversity refers to the range of different people, cultures, and backgrounds in a community. (1 mark)

6. 6. Who was the American activist famous for her role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott? (1 mark)

7. 7. What term is used for the people who arrived in Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971? A) Windrush Generation*, B) Golden Generation, C) Pioneer Group, D) Atlantic Settlers (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Black history only happened in the 20th century. (1 mark)

9. 9. Who was the first Black officer to lead white British troops into battle during the First World War? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Learning about Black history helps us build a more respectful and inclusive society. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who has inspired you in history, or create a poster that shows how different cultures make our community stronger and more colourful.



Extension challenge: Research a Black Briton who has made an impact in science or the arts. Write a short paragraph explaining how their work has shaped the world we live in today.