Black British History Icon: Malorie Blackman

True or false. Correct the false ones.

1. There are over eight million black people in the UK.
2. Malorie has written over sixty books for children.
3. Malorie´s most famous novel is called Noughts and Crosses.
4. Malorie´s parents moved from an island called Guyana.
5. Malorie was born in 1962, in Barbados.
6. Malorie has four siblings.
7. She was eight when she finished reading the children's section in her local library.
8. She worked as a teacher when she grew up.

Vocabulary- Matching exercise.

Coding:	To refuse to accept
Draw:	People who produce and sell books, magazines, software, etc.
Publishers:	Time when you are not working
Royal:	A language used to give orders to computers
Spare:	To get an idea from something
Turn down:	Connected to a King or Queen

Complete with a word from the vocabulary set:

She was very good at _____
In her _____ time, she wrote her first book called “Not so Stupid”.
Malorie couldn't find any _____ to turn her story into a book.
“Not so Stupid” was _____ many times until she was twenty-eight.
She wrote a book called “Hacker”, where she _____ on her love of computers to tell the story of a young girl who helped her dad.
In 2008, Malorie won an award called OBE. The award was given by the _____ family.

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Answer:

Note about the story

Malorie Blackman was born in London. She writes books for children and young adults, and she also writes for television. *Pig-Heart Boy* was first shown on television in 2000 and she has also written for *Doctor Who*.

In *Pig-Heart Boy*, 13-year-old Cameron Kelsey has a problem with his heart and needs to have a heart **transplant***. A transplant is when doctors take a heart, or another **organ**, from one person's body and put it inside another person. There are not enough **human** hearts, so doctors want to use a pig's heart to help Cameron. But some **animal rights** groups are very angry about doctors using animals in this way.

Pig-Heart Boy looks at how different people feel about transplants, the hard work of doctors and if it is right to use an animal organ to save a person's life.

Before-reading questions

1 Read the back cover of the book. How is Cameron's life different from the lives of other boys his age, do you think?

2 What do you think will happen in the story?

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