

Ellie's History Challenge: The Abolition of Slavery

Learning objective: To understand the historical context of the transatlantic slave trade and the movement to abolish it in the British Empire.

Join Ellie the elephant as we explore an important part of history. Read the key facts below and answer the questions to test your knowledge!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. William Wilberforce, 4. C, 5. False, 6. Petition, 7. A, 8. True, 9. 1833, 10. Equality. Historical context: Slavery was an inhumane system where people were treated as property. Many brave people campaigned for years to change the law and ensure freedom for all.

Word bank: Abolition · Empire · Enslaved · Campaign · Petition · Freedom · Justice

1. **1. What was the name of the movement that aimed to end slavery? A) The Exploration B) The Abolition movement* C) The Invention Era D) The Roman Empire (1 mark)**
2. **2. True or False: Enslaved people were allowed to choose their own jobs and travel freely. (True/False) (1 mark)**
3. **3. Which famous Member of Parliament spent his life campaigning in the House of Commons to end the slave trade? (1 mark)**
4. **4. How did many people show their support for the end of slavery? A) By painting pictures B) By ignoring the laws C) By signing a petition* D) By moving to a new country (1 mark)**
5. **5. True or False: The movement to end slavery happened in only one week. (True/False) (1 mark)**
6. **6. What is the name for a formal written request, signed by many people, sent to those in charge to ask for change? (1 mark)**
7. **7. Which of these best describes how enslaved people were treated? A) Like property* B) Like royalty C) Like honoured guests D) Like teachers (1 mark)**
8. **8. True or False: Many people who were once enslaved wrote books or gave speeches to tell the world about their experiences. (True/False) (1 mark)**

9. 9. In which year was the Slavery Abolition Act passed, leading to the end of slavery across most of the British Empire? (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the opposite of slavery, which the campaigners fought to achieve for everyone? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a peaceful protest or a group of people signing a petition to show their support for a fair and just cause.



Extension challenge: Research a person who helped fight for freedom during this time, such as Olaudah Equiano. Write three sentences about why their work was important.