

Celebrating Pioneers: A Journey of Inspiration

Learning objective: To recognise and appreciate the achievements of significant Black individuals throughout history and understand their contributions to society.

Ellie the elephant has been busy in the library researching historical figures who changed the world. Look at the list of achievements below. Match each person to their correct contribution by writing the name of the person next to the description. Then, answer the reflection questions to show your understanding.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Benjamin Zephaniah · John Blanke

1. 1. I was a nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for soldiers and set up the 'British Hotel'. Who am I? (1 mark)

2. 2. I was a professional footballer and a brave soldier who became one of the first Black officers to lead white troops into battle. Who am I? (1 mark)

3. 3. I was a musician at the court of King Henry VIII, documented in the Westminster Tournament Roll. Who am I? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why is it important for us to learn about these people during Black History Month? Explain your answer using an example. (3 marks)

5. 5. If you could interview one of these pioneers, what is one question you would ask them about their life or their work? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who inspires you today. It could be a family member, a teacher, or someone famous who has made a positive difference in their community.



Extension challenge: Research a 'hidden hero' from your own local area who has made a contribution to your town or city. Write a short thank-you letter to them, explaining why their work is valuable to you.