

History Heroes: Making a Difference

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and understand how their contributions have shaped society.

Ellie the elephant has been reading her history books and has discovered some incredible people who changed the world through their bravery and talent. Use the word bank to match the person to their key achievement or contribution. Once you have matched them, write a short sentence explaining why their work was important.

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

1. 1. Who was the nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for soldiers and set up the 'British Hotel'? (2 marks)

2. 2. Which brave man was one of the first Black professional footballers in England and later became a decorated officer in the First World War? (2 marks)

3. 3. Who became a famous symbol of the fight for equal rights in the United States after refusing to give up a seat on a bus? (2 marks)

4. 4. Which influential poet and author used his words to challenge unfairness and celebrate multicultural Britain? (2 marks)

5. 5. Choose one of the people above. In your own words, explain how their actions helped to make the world a fairer place. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of one of these 'History Heroes' in a frame, and include a symbol in the corner that represents their achievement (e.g., a nurse's cap, a football, a bus, or a quill pen).



Extension challenge: Research another person who has made a positive impact on history. Write a short 'Did You Know?' fact file about them to share with your class.