

Celebrating Black History: A Journey with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognize the contributions of Black individuals to history and society.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Ellie the elephant loves visiting the library to learn about the past. She knows that history is made up of many different stories from people all over the world. Black History Month, celebrated in the UK every October, is a special time dedicated to honouring the achievements and contributions of Black people. Throughout history, many Black individuals have shown incredible courage and resilience, often overcoming great challenges to make the world a fairer place. From pioneering scientists and talented musicians to inspiring civil rights leaders, their work has shaped the society we live in today. Learning about these stories helps us understand our shared history and celebrates the diverse cultures that make our communities vibrant. Ellie believes that by remembering these important figures, we can be inspired to show kindness and stand up for equality every day. Whether it is through reading biographies or listening to stories, Black History Month invites everyone to reflect on the past and look forward to a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Word bank: contribution · heritage · resilience · achievement · diverse · equality

1. In which month is Black History Month celebrated in the UK? (1 mark)

2. According to the text, what are two types of roles that Black individuals have held throughout history? (2 marks)

3. Why does Ellie think it is important to learn about the stories of Black figures from the past? (2 marks)

4. What does the word 'resilience' suggest about the people being remembered during this month? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to have a specific month to celebrate Black history? Explain why or why not. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster showing Ellie the elephant sharing a book about a famous historical figure with her friends to celebrate Black History Month.



Extension challenge: Choose one Black individual from history that you find inspiring. Write a short paragraph explaining what they achieved and why their work is still important today.