

Ellie's History Helpers: Celebrating Amazing People

Learning objective: To recognise that people from diverse backgrounds have made significant contributions to history and to understand the concept of 'past' and 'present'.

Ellie the elephant has a wonderful memory! She has found four historical figures who helped change the world for the better. Look at the description of what they did, and draw a line to match each person to their special achievement. Talk with a partner about why these people are remembered today.

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

1. Mary Seacole opened a hotel to look after soldiers who were hurt. Was this in the past or is it happening right now? (2 marks)

2. Walter Tull was a brave football player and a leader in the army. Why do you think people still talk about him today? (2 marks)

3. Rosa Parks stood up for fairness by refusing to give up her seat on a bus. How does it make you feel to hear about someone being brave? (2 marks)

4. Benjamin Zephaniah was a famous poet who used words to share his ideas. If you wrote a poem, what would it be about? (2 marks)

5. All of these people helped make the world a kinder place. Can you name one way you can be kind to your friends today? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of yourself doing something kind to help someone else in your school or community, just like the heroes we learned about today.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of themselves doing a kind deed.

Extension challenge: Ask an adult at home to help you find a picture of one person from history who you think is amazing. Bring the picture to school to show Ellie and your friends!