

Trailblazers of Change: A Social Studies / History Timeline

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black historical figures and sequence key events in chronological order.

Ellie the elephant has been busy researching history! She has gathered five important events but mixed them all up. Read the clues below, then write the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes to put them in the correct chronological order (1 being the earliest).

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Olaudah Equiano · Walter Tull · Windrush Generation · Rosa Parks

1. 1. Olaudah Equiano published his autobiography in 1789, which helped build the movement to end the slave trade. Order: [] (1 mark)

2. 2. Mary Seacole opened the 'British Hotel' in 1855 to care for sick and wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. Order: [] (1 mark)

3. 3. Walter Tull became one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War in 1917. Order: [] (1 mark)

4. 4. The HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948, bringing people from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain after the war. Order: [] (1 mark)

5. 5. Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat in Montgomery in 1955, becoming a key figure in the American Civil Rights Movement. Order: [] (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp that honours one of the figures mentioned above. Include a symbol or object that represents their important contribution to history.



Extension challenge: Pick one of the figures from the timeline. Write a short 'memory diary' entry from Ellie the elephant explaining why this person's actions were brave and how they changed the world for the better.