

Ellie's Social Studies / History Corner: The Journey Toward Equality

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Civil Rights movement and the importance of equality and fairness in society.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of historical figures and the fight for equal rights to provide detailed answers. Ellie the elephant is looking for thoughtful, well-explained responses.

Ellie the elephant remembers history well. During the 20th century, many people across the world fought against unfair laws that treated people differently based on the colour of their skin. Brave individuals organised peaceful protests and gave powerful speeches to ensure that everyone, regardless of their background, had the same opportunities and rights.

Word bank: segregation · equality · justice · activism · protest · discrimination · courage · civil rights

1. Define the term 'segregation' and explain why it is considered an unfair practice in a modern society. (2 marks)

2. Why did many activists choose to use peaceful protest as their method for change rather than using aggression? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the life of an individual living under unfair segregation laws with someone living in a society where equal rights are protected by law. (3 marks)

4. Explain why the role of a leader is so vital when a community is trying to change unfair laws. (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Is it more important to change the law or to change people's attitudes to achieve true equality? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to a country if its citizens decided to stop speaking up against injustice and discrimination? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster that Ellie might display in her history museum. The poster should represent the concept of 'Unity' and show people of different backgrounds working together harmoniously.



Extension challenge: Research a historical figure who fought for civil rights. Write a short, persuasive speech (no more than 150 words) that they might have given to inspire their community to keep striving for justice and equality.