

Ellie's Social Studies / History Journal: Understanding Human Rights

Learning objective: To understand the historical context of the transatlantic slave trade and reflect on the importance of human rights and freedom.

Ellie the elephant has been researching history to understand why freedom is a fundamental human right. Use this template to record your findings and your own reflections on the past. Research the historical facts carefully and use your own words to explain the impact of these events.

Word bank: Abolition · Human rights · Freedom · Transatlantic · Injustice · Resistance · Campaign · Legacy

1. The Past: Briefly describe the historical period of the transatlantic slave trade and where the ships travelled. (2 marks)

2. The Human Cost: Explain why the treatment of enslaved people was a violation of their basic human rights. (3 marks)

3. Voices of Change: Identify one person or group who campaigned against slavery. Explain the actions they took to secure freedom for others. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare the lives of those who were enslaved with the concept of modern human rights. How does the law protect people today? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important for historians to study difficult parts of the past, such as the slave trade? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if societies did not have laws to protect the freedom and equality of every person? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter living during the abolition movement. Write a short, persuasive speech or a newspaper headline that encourages people to support the end of slavery, focusing on the importance of liberty and justice for all.