

Black History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significant contributions of an inspirational Black historical figure, reflecting on their impact on society and their personal qualities.

Choose a Black historical figure you have been researching. Use this fact-file to organise your findings. Ensure you use precise historical vocabulary and provide justifications for why this person is remembered today. Ellie the Elephant says: 'Use your memory to gather the facts, but your heart to understand the impact!'

Word bank: Inspiration · Contribution · Resilience · Legacy · Advocacy · Determination · Pioneer · Impact · Significant · Courageous

1. Name and Timeline: Who is the person you have chosen, and during which era did they live? Explain why this period was significant for their journey. (2 marks)

2. Key Achievements: Describe the main accomplishments of this individual. What challenges did they have to overcome to reach these goals? (3 marks)

3. Character Qualities: Identify three personal attributes that helped this person succeed. Justify your choices with examples from their life. (3 marks)

4. Comparing Impact: Compare this person's achievements to someone else you have studied. How are their contributions similar or different? (4 marks)

5. The Legacy: Explain why this person is still celebrated today. What might happen if this individual had not taken the actions they did? (3 marks)

6. Reflective Thought: If you could ask this person one question about their life, what would it be and why do you think their answer would be important? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a persuasive speech from the perspective of this historical figure, encouraging others to show the same resilience and courage in their own lives. Consider how their actions changed the world for future generations.