Celebrating Remarkable People

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key information and expressing opinions about Black history.

Read the story below carefully. Then, answer the questions using full sentences where possible.

Every October, Ellie the elephant helps her friends learn about Black History Month. This is a special time to celebrate the amazing achievements of Black people who have helped change our world for the better. Ellie remembers stories about scientists, artists, and leaders who showed great courage when facing difficult challenges. She tells Pip the caterpillar about people like Rosa Parks, who stood up for fairness, and inventors who created things we still use today. Learning about these lives is important because it shows us that everyone has the power to make a difference. Ellie likes to look through her big history books to find new heroes to talk about. She explains that we should celebrate these contributions all year round, not just in October. By sharing these stories, we learn how to be kinder, braver, and more thoughtful towards one another. Ellie believes that when we know our history, we can build a much brighter future together. Every story shared is a step towards a world where everyone is treated with respect and kindness.

Word bank: history · celebrate · courage · achievement · contribution · important

1. In which month does Ellie help her friends learn about Black History Month? (1 mark)

2. Name two types of people mentioned in the text who have helped change the world. (2 marks)

3. Why does Ellie think it is important to look at history books? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author says we should celebrate these contributions all year round, not just in October? (2 marks)

5. Which person from history would you like to learn more about and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant reading a history book under a tree, surrounded by pictures of people who have made a positive difference in the world.

Extension challenge: Choose one person who has made a positive change in history. Write three sentences about what they did and why they are an inspiration to you.