

Inspiring Journeys: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To identify and describe the contributions of significant Black historical figures, demonstrating an understanding of their impact on society.

Ellie the elephant has a wonderful memory for history, but she needs your help to match these historical figures with their remarkable achievements. Read the descriptions of their contributions, then draw a line or write the name of the person next to the correct achievement. Once matched, complete the sentences in the questions section to explain why their work was so important.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Benjamin Zephaniah · Katherine Johnson

1. Mary Seacole was known for her work in the Crimean War. Describe one way she helped soldiers and why this was a brave act. (2 marks)

2. Walter Tull faced many challenges in his life. Explain why his role as a professional footballer and an army officer was significant for that time. (2 marks)

3. Katherine Johnson used her brilliant math skills for NASA. How did her calculations help humans reach space? (2 marks)

4. Rosa Parks is famous for her protest in Montgomery. Why is her action considered a turning point in the movement for civil rights? (2 marks)

5. Benjamin Zephaniah used poetry to share important messages. Why might poetry be a powerful tool for changing how people think about society? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp that celebrates the achievement of one of the figures mentioned above. Include symbols that represent their work (e.g., a rocket for Katherine Johnson or a football for Walter Tull).



Extension challenge: Choose one of the figures from the list and imagine you are interviewing them. Write three questions you would ask them to learn more about their daily life and their motivations.