

Celebrating Heroes: Black History Month

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

Read the text carefully with an adult or friend. Use your best handwriting to answer the questions below.

Every October, we celebrate Black History Month in the United Kingdom. It is a special time to learn about the amazing things Black people have done throughout history. Ellie the elephant loves this month because she has an incredible memory for stories. She tells us about people who showed great courage and kindness. We learn about inventors who created new things, doctors who helped sick people feel better, and brave people who stood up for what was right.

One person we might learn about is Mary Seacole. She was a nurse who travelled a long way to look after soldiers during a war. She used her own money to help them, even when it was difficult. We also learn about people who used art, music, and writing to share their stories with the world. By learning about these heroes, we understand how they helped to make our country a better place for everyone today. It is important to remember their hard work and celebrate their achievements not just in October, but all year round.

Word bank: history · celebrate · courage · achievements · contributions · inspiring

1. In which month do we celebrate Black History Month in the United Kingdom? (1 mark)

2. What was the name of the nurse who looked after soldiers? (1 mark)

3. Why does the text say Ellie the elephant likes this month? (2 marks)

4. How do you think the soldiers felt when Mary Seacole helped them? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important to learn about heroes from history? Give one reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a hero who has done something kind or brave to help other people.



Extension challenge: Choose one person you have learned about this month. Write two sentences about why they are an inspiring person.