

Ellie's Historical Journey: The Easter Story

Learning objective: To understand the narrative structure and key events of the Easter story, focusing on chronological order and character perspective.

Read the passage below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the text, then answer the questions that follow. Ellie the elephant has helped compile these facts to ensure we remember the historical sequence of these events.

The Easter story is a narrative that has been told for centuries, forming the basis of one of the most significant festivals in history. It begins with the arrival in Jerusalem, where many people gathered to welcome a peaceful leader. As the week progressed, the mood changed, leading to a time of great sadness and reflection. According to historical accounts, this period concluded with an event that many believe changed the course of history forever—a moment of unexpected hope. Today, families around the world mark this time with various traditions, such as sharing gifts or enjoying special meals, which help them remember the story of courage, sacrifice, and new beginnings.

Word bank: Chronological: arranged in the order of time · Tradition: a custom passed down through generations · Narrative: a spoken or written account of connected events · Reflection: serious thought or consideration · Festival: a day or period of celebration

1. Using the passage, explain in your own words why the Easter story is considered an important historical narrative. (2 marks)

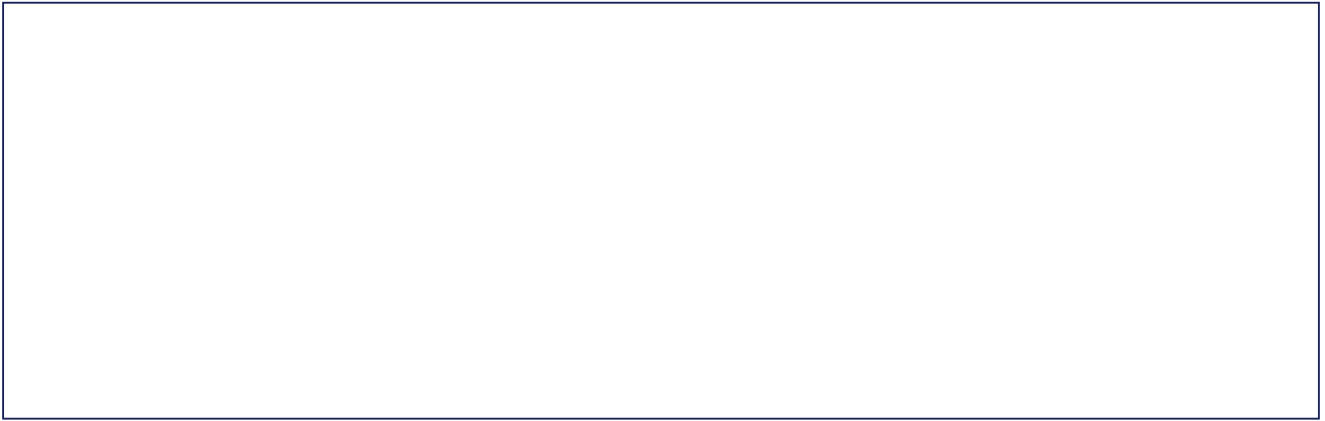
2. How does the mood of the story change from the beginning of the week to the middle of the week? (2 marks)

3. Identify two modern-day traditions mentioned in the text that people use to celebrate this time. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think it is important to keep these historical narratives alive through traditions? (3 marks)

5. If you were to retell this story in chronological order, what would be the first event you would record? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents 'new beginnings'. Think about what symbols you could include, such as spring flowers, eggs, or a sunrise, inspired by the themes in Ellie's story.



Extension challenge: Research one other festival from a different culture that focuses on the theme of 'new beginnings'. Write a short paragraph comparing that festival to the ones mentioned in the passage.