

Ellie's History Lesson: Fairness for Everyone

Learning objective: To understand the importance of civil rights and the fight for equality.

Read the story below carefully. Look at the word bank if you get stuck. Use the sentence starters to help you write your answers in the boxes.

Ellie the elephant loves to look back at history. She knows that a long time ago, in many parts of the world, people were not treated the same. Some people were told they could not go to the same schools or shops as others just because of who they were. This was very unfair. Many brave people decided to stand up for change. They wanted everyone to have the same rights. These people held peaceful meetings and marches to show that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness. They spoke out for freedom and fairness. Rosa Parks was one of these brave people. She refused to give up her seat on a bus to show that everyone is equal. Her actions helped change laws so that life became fairer for everyone. Today, we remember these people because they worked hard to make the world a better place. Ellie believes that learning about this history helps us treat each other with respect. When we stand up for what is right, we make the world a kinder place for all.

Word bank: fairness · equal · rights · protest · brave · freedom

1. Who is one person mentioned in the text who stood up for change? (Start your answer with: One person mentioned is...) (1 mark)

2. What did some people do to show they wanted change? (Start your answer with: People held...) (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the people in the story were called 'brave'? (Start your answer with: I think they were brave because...) (2 marks)

4. How did the actions of people like Rosa Parks change things for the future? (Start your answer with: Their actions helped...) (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to treat everyone with respect today? (Start your answer with: It is important because...) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of people holding hands to show that everyone is equal and treated with kindness.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you were kind to a friend or stood up for someone else.