

Learning about the Past: The Abolition of Slavery

Learning objective: To understand that slavery existed in the past and to recognise the brave people who worked to end it.

Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences. You can use the sentence starters to help you write your answers.

In history, many people were treated unfairly and were made to work without any pay or choice. These people were called enslaved people. Over time, brave people started a movement to stop this. This movement was called the Abolition. It meant they wanted to stop slavery forever so that everyone could live with freedom and fairness.

Word bank: Abolition · Freedom · Enslaved · Campaign · Justice

1. What does the word 'enslaved' mean? Use the sentence starter: An enslaved person is someone who... (2 marks)

2. What was the name of the movement to stop slavery? Use the sentence starter: The movement to stop slavery was called... (1 mark)

3. Why was it important for people to campaign against slavery? Use the sentence starter: It was important because everyone deserves... (2 marks)

4. If you were a campaigner in the past, what is one thing you would say to people to explain why slavery is wrong? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a candle. In history, people used the symbol of a candle to show they were fighting for the light of freedom. Colour your candle bright colours.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory for history. Can you write two sentences about why it is important for us to remember these events from the past?