

Ellie the Elephant's Social Studies / History Time: The Fight for Freedom

Learning objective: To understand that the abolition of the slave trade was a long struggle led by brave people who fought for human rights.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading about brave people from history who worked to end the slave trade. Look at the list of actions below. Sort these into two groups: 'Actions that helped end slavery' and 'Things that were part of the slave trade'. Write the letters of each action into the correct box.

Word bank: Abolitionist · Freedom · Fairness · Campaign · Human rights · Justice

1. A) People being taken from their homes against their will. B) Writing letters and books to tell people that slavery is wrong. C) Making laws to ensure every person is treated with respect. D) Selling people as if they were items in a shop. (4 marks)

2. Which group do A and D belong to? (Write 'Slave Trade' or 'Ending Slavery') (1 mark)

3. Which group do B and C belong to? (Write 'Slave Trade' or 'Ending Slavery') (1 mark)

4. Why was it important for people to campaign for change? Start your sentence with: 'It was important because...' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a bridge. On one side, write 'The Past' and on the other side, write 'Freedom'. Draw people holding hands across the bridge.



Extension challenge: Think of one word that describes why freedom is important. Write it in a big, colourful bubble at the bottom of your page.