

Learning about the Past: A Fact-File with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and impact of the transatlantic slave trade and the importance of abolition.

Hello! I am Ellie. I love history and have a great memory. Use this fact-file to learn about the past. Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Write in short, clear sentences.

Word bank: Abolition · Freedom · Justice · Plantation · Trade · Human rights · Social Studies / History · Change

1. What was the transatlantic slave trade? (Think about where people were taken from and where they were taken to.) (2 marks)

2. What was life like for people working on a plantation? (Use words like hard, work, or unfair.) (2 marks)

3. What does the word 'abolition' mean? (Think about how people fought to end slavery.) (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to learn about this part of history today? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Think of one person who stood up for freedom. Write their name and one thing they did to help others.