

Trailblazers of History with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions of significant Black historical figures and use descriptive vocabulary to explain their impact.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading her history books! She has found five incredible people who changed the world. Match the person to their achievement by writing the correct name next to the description. Then, use the word bank to write a sentence about why their work was important.

Word bank: courageous · pioneer · determination · brilliant · inspiring · justice

1. 1. Mary Seacole: A nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to help wounded soldiers. Which word from the bank describes her work? (2 marks)

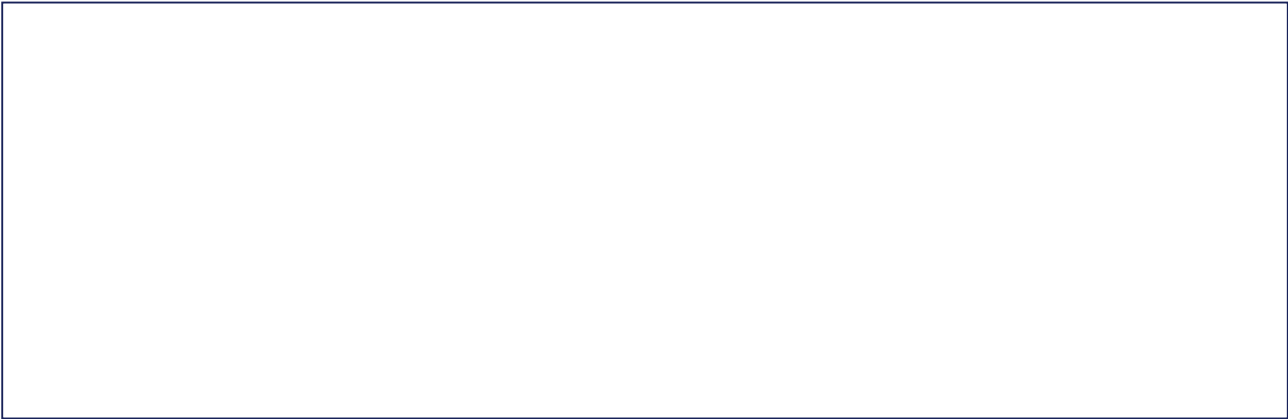
2. 2. Walter Tull: One of the first Black professional footballers in England and a brave soldier. Write a sentence explaining why he is a hero. (2 marks)

3. 3. Rosa Parks: She stood up for fairness by refusing to give up her seat on a bus. How did her actions show determination? (2 marks)

4. 4. Benjamin Banneker: A self-taught scientist and mathematician who helped survey the city of Washington. Why is it important to learn about his discoveries? (2 marks)

5. 5. Choose one person from the list above. Write a short thank-you note to them, using at least one word from the word bank. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you think is a hero in your own community. Add a label to your drawing using one of the adjectives from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Research one other person who has made a difference in Black history. Write three facts about them to share with the class during our next group meeting.