

Inspiring Heroes: A Black History Month Worksheet

Learning objective: To read a short non-fiction text about historical figures and answer comprehension questions to demonstrate understanding.

Read the passage about three important people from history. Use the information to answer the questions below in full sentences.

During Black History Month, we celebrate the incredible achievements of people from Black heritage. Mary Seacole was a brave nurse who travelled a long way to help soldiers during the Crimean War. She set up the 'British Hotel' to provide food and medicine for those who were hurt. Rosa Parks is remembered for her quiet strength and determination. By refusing to give up her seat on a bus in America, she helped lead a movement for fairness and equality for everyone. Walter Tull was another trailblazer. He was one of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and later became a brave officer in the army during the First World War. These figures teach us that with kindness and bravery, one person can make a huge difference in the world.

Word bank: courageous · pioneer · determination · contribution · inspirational · legacy

1. What did Mary Seacole do to help soldiers during the Crimean War? (2 marks)

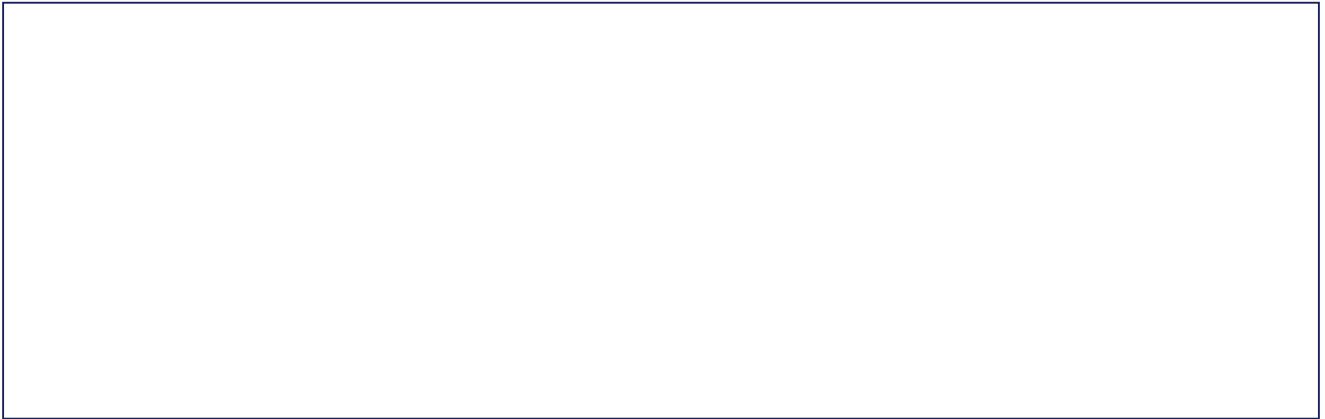
2. Why is Rosa Parks remembered as an important figure in history? (2 marks)

3. Which two different jobs did Walter Tull have during his life? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes Mary Seacole. (1 mark)

5. Why do you think it is important to learn about the history of different people? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of someone you think is a hero in your own life or your community and add a speech bubble showing why they are special.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has an amazing memory for stories! Can you research one other person who has made a big contribution to history and write three facts about them to share with your class?