

Trailblazers of Change: A Historical Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To analyse the contributions of significant historical figures within Black British history and sequence their impact on societal change.

Ellie the Elephant has been busy in the archives! She has discovered a series of important milestones, but they have become muddled. Your task is to correctly sequence these events on a timeline and justify the long-term impact of each person's work. Use the word bank to help you describe their contributions.

Word bank: Resilience · Pioneer · Advocacy · Trailblazer · Legacy · Justice · Equality · Representation

1. Mary Seacole opened the 'British Hotel' in the Crimea to care for soldiers. Explain why her actions were considered pioneering for the nursing profession. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the contributions of a historical figure who fought for social change with the work of a modern-day advocate. How do their methods of influence differ? (4 marks)

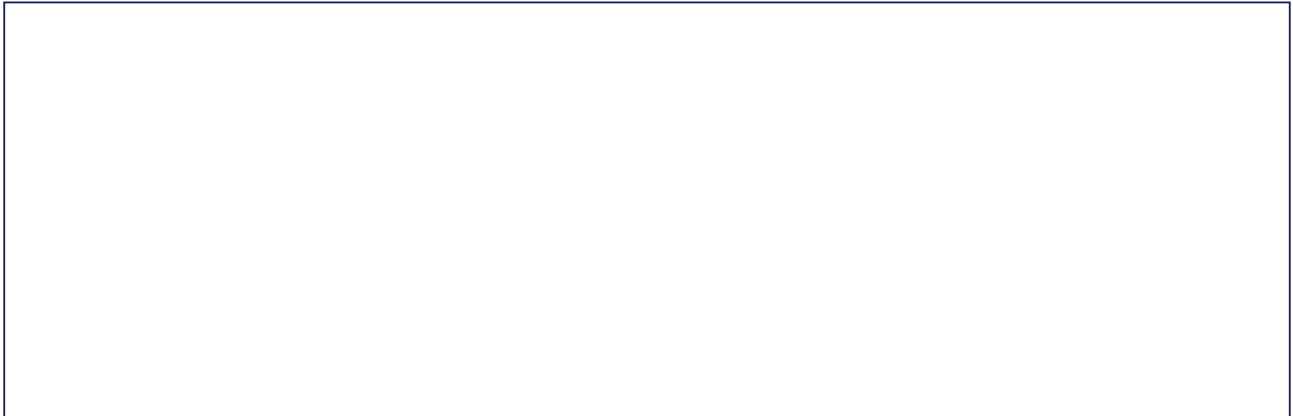
3. Justify why it is important for historians to document the lives of people from diverse backgrounds to create a complete picture of British history. (3 marks)

4. What might happen if the voices of these trailblazers had been silenced or forgotten by history books? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

5. Choose one person from your research. If you were to write a poem about their legacy, which three adjectives from the word bank would you use to describe their character and why? (3 marks)

6. Critically evaluate: Why is Black History Month celebrated in October in the UK, and how does this focus help to challenge outdated perspectives? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Legacy Tree'. In the roots, write the names of historical figures you have studied today. On the branches, draw symbols representing the positive changes they helped bring to the world (e.g., a quill for literature, a stethoscope for medicine, or a gavel for justice).



Extension challenge: Research a lesser-known figure from Black British history. Write a persuasive speech as if you are Ellie the Elephant, explaining to the school council why a new library wing should be named after this person to honour their contribution to society.