

Trailblazers of Change: A Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To sequence key historical events and identify the contributions of significant figures in Black history, developing an understanding of chronology and impact.

Ellie the elephant has been busy in the library researching historical figures who fought for equality and justice. Below is a list of events and achievements. Your task is to sort these into chronological order (from the earliest to the most recent) and match them to the correct person. Use the word bank to help you complete the sequence.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Nelson Mandela · Benjamin Zephaniah · 1854 · 1914 · 1955 · 1994 · 2000s

1. 1. Who provided care for soldiers during the Crimean War and in what year did she set up the 'British Hotel'? (2 marks)

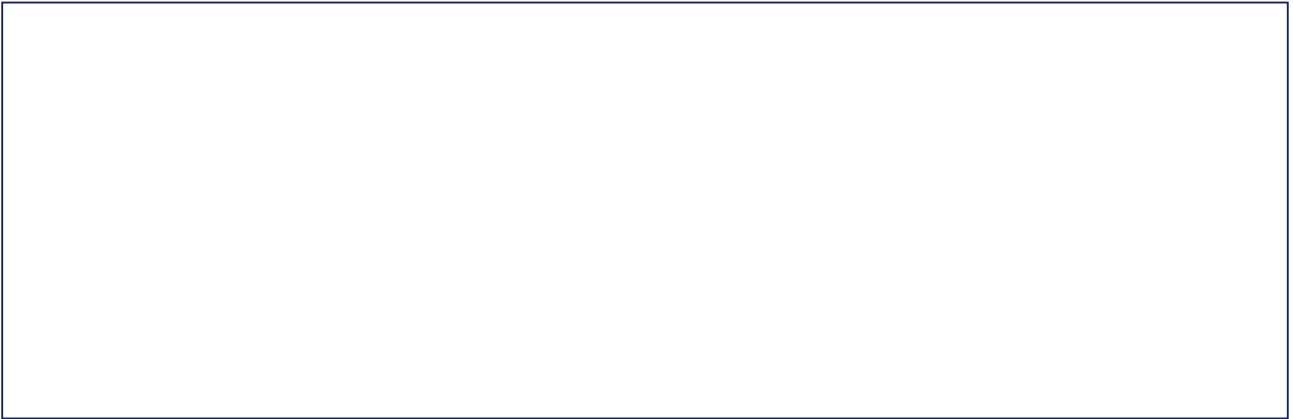
2. 2. Which individual became the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War? (2 marks)

3. 3. Explain the significance of the event that took place in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. (2 marks)

4. 4. Who became the first democratically elected President of South Africa in 1994? (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is it important to celebrate the achievements of these individuals during Black History Month? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a modern-day hero who inspires you, including a symbol in the background that represents their contribution to society.



Extension challenge: Choose one of the figures from the activity and write a short, three-stanza poem about their bravery, in the style of Leo the lion's poetry.