

Celebrating Amazing People with Ellie

Learning objective: To learn about Black History Month and the importance of celebrating significant historical figures.

Read the story about Ellie the elephant and answer the questions below.

Ellie the elephant loves visiting the library to learn about the past. This month, Ellie is busy finding books for Black History Month. She tells her friends that this is a special time of year when we learn about the lives and achievements of Black people who have helped change the world. Ellie explains that many Black men and women have done brave and clever things, like inventing new tools, leading countries, or helping people be treated fairly. Some of these heroes lived a long time ago, and some are famous today. Ellie has a wonderful memory, so she shares stories about scientists who studied the stars, writers who shared beautiful poems, and leaders who worked hard for peace. Ellie thinks it is very important to remember these stories all year round, not just in October. By learning about their hard work and kindness, we can be inspired to do our best too. Ellie says that everyone has a story worth telling, and when we listen to each other, our world becomes a much brighter and kinder place for everyone to live.

Word bank: history · celebrate · contribution · remember · hero · past

1. Which month does Ellie say is the special time to celebrate Black History Month? (2 marks)

2. Name two things that the heroes in the stories did, according to Ellie. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Ellie wants to remember these stories all year round instead of just in October? (2 marks)

4. How does learning about these heroes make Ellie feel? (2 marks)

5. If you could meet a hero from history, what would you ask them? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant holding a book about a historical hero. Include a colourful background showing things the hero might have achieved, like stars for a scientist or a pen for a writer.



Extension challenge: Choose one person from history you have heard about. Write one sentence about why they are important and draw a small portrait of them.