

Learning about Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about why we celebrate Black History Month.

Read the story below with Ellie the elephant. Then, answer the questions. Use the word bank if you need help.

Ellie the elephant has a very good memory. She loves to learn about history. Every October, Ellie gets excited because it is Black History Month. This is a special time to look back at the past. We learn about Black people who have done amazing things. Some people were brave leaders who helped others. Other people were clever inventors who made life better for everyone. Some people were talented artists or sports stars.

Ellie says that Black History Month is not just about the past. It is also about the people doing great things today. We celebrate their hard work and their kindness. Ellie likes to read books about these people to learn how they changed the world. By learning their stories, we can all become better friends. It is important to remember that these stories are part of everyone's history. Ellie thinks we should be proud of these heroes every single day of the year, not just in October. Learning about them helps us understand our world much better.

Word bank: history · celebrate · achievements · contributions · important · people · past

1. In which month does Ellie celebrate Black History Month? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. List two types of people Ellie mentions who have done amazing things. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Ellie likes reading books about these people? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. The text says we should remember these heroes every day. What does this tell us about how we should treat others? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to learn about history? Why? (2 marks) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant reading a book about a famous hero.



Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about a person you admire. Why are they a hero to you?