

Celebrating Heroes: Black History Month

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a non-fiction text about Black History Month.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Look for the answers in the text. You can use the sentence starters to help you write your answers.

In the UK, October is Black History Month. It is a special time to learn about the history and achievements of Black people. For a long time, many important stories were not told in our history books. Black History Month helps us to change this. It celebrates the brilliant people who have helped build our country. We learn about scientists, doctors, artists, and leaders who fought for fairness and equality. By sharing these stories, we remember the past and look forward to a better future. Ellie the elephant loves this month because she has a great memory for important stories. She says that learning about these heroes helps us to be kinder and stronger today. When we study the past, we can see how people stood up for what was right. It shows us that everyone has the power to make a difference in the world. Whether it is a small act or a big change, every person matters. Black History Month is not just about the past; it is about how we can all work together to make the future fair for everyone.

Word bank: Contribution: something given to help a cause · Equality: when everyone is treated the same · Achievement: doing something successful · Inspire: to make someone want to do something good

1. When does Black History Month take place in the UK? (Sentence starter: Black History Month takes place in...) (2 marks)

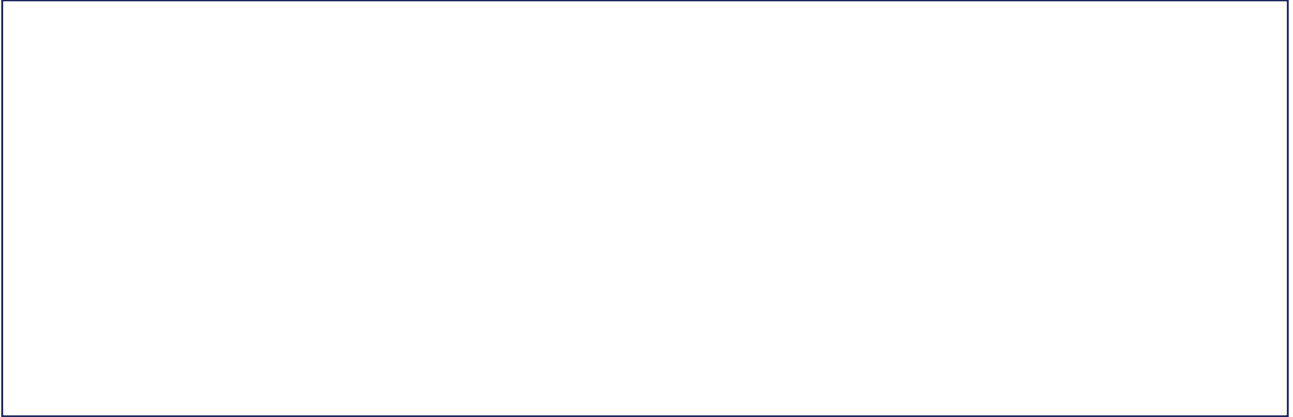
2. Name two types of people we learn about during this month. (Sentence starter: We learn about...) (2 marks)

3. Why does the author say it is important to tell stories that were once left out of history books? (Sentence starter: It is important because...) (2 marks)

4. How does learning about the past help people today? (Sentence starter: Learning about the past helps us because...) (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to have a special month to celebrate history? Explain why. (Sentence starter: I think it is important/not important because...) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a hero from history that you would like to learn more about. _____



Extension challenge: Write a short thank you note to someone from history who helped make the world a fairer place.