History Heroes: Learning from the Past

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of significant historical figures.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of history to answer them. Think about why we celebrate the achievements of people from the past.

Black History Month is a time when we learn about the lives and achievements of Black people who have helped shape the world. We look back at history to understand how brave people fought for fairness and made positive changes. From inventors and doctors to leaders and writers, their stories help us learn about our past and inspire us for the future. Ellie the elephant loves to remember these stories because they show us that everyone can make a difference.

Word bank: contribution · history · change · equality · courage · celebrate

1. Why do we have a special month called Black History Month? Explain your answer in one sentence. (2 marks)

2. If you could meet someone from history who made the world a fairer place, what is one question you would ask them? (2 marks)

3. Choose one quality that a historical figure might need to make a big change (e.g., courage or kindness) and explain why it is important. (2 marks)

4. Look at the word 'contribution'. What does it mean to make a contribution to the world? Give an example. (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for us to learn about history even though it happened a long time ago? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'History Hero' you have learned about. In the background, draw something that represents their achievement, like a book for a writer or a rocket for an astronaut.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a 'thank you' letter to a person from history whose actions made the world a better place for you today.