Inspiring Lives: A History Timeline

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black historical figures and sequence key events in their lives.

Ellie the elephant has been reading her history books and has gathered facts about three amazing people. Help her put these events in the correct order by numbering them from 1 to 6. Once you have sequenced them, use the word bank to fill in the missing details about why these people are remembered in history.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · nursing · inventor · Garrett Morgan · traffic signals · civil rights · Rosa Parks

1. 1. Mary Seacole travels to the Crimean War to provide _____ care to soldiers. (Number: __) (2 marks)

2. 2. _____ opens the 'British Hotel' to provide food and medicine for the troops. (Number: __) (2 marks)

3. 3. _____ creates a new design for _____ to make roads safer for everyone. (Number: __) (2 marks)

4. 4. Garrett Morgan is recognised as a brilliant _____ who improves safety in cities. (Number: __) (2 marks)

5. 5. _____ refuses to give up her seat on a bus, sparking a movement for _____. (Number: __) (2 marks)

6. 6. Her brave actions lead to fairer laws and more equality in the United States. (Number: __) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of one of these historical figures holding an object that represents their achievement, such as a medicine bag, a traffic light, or a bus ticket.

Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know about your personal hero. Write three sentences about a person (a family member, a teacher, or a famous person) who has done something kind or brave, and explain why they inspire you.