History Assessment: Significant Figures in Black History

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black historical figures and the impact of their actions on society.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your answers. Write clearly in full sentences where required.

History is shaped by people who have the courage to stand up for what is right. Mary Seacole, born in Jamaica, was a kind healer who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers. She used her own money to build the 'British Hotel' to provide food and medicine. Rosa Parks was a woman in America who became famous for her bravery. By refusing to give up her seat on a bus, she showed the world that everyone deserves to be treated with fairness and respect. Both women changed the world through their actions.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Nursing · Equal rights · Rosa Parks · Injustice · Change · Courage · Travel · Determination

1. Where was Mary Seacole born and what was her main job? (2 marks)

2. Why did Mary Seacole travel to the Crimean War? (2 marks)

3. Describe what Rosa Parks did that made her a famous figure in history. (3 marks)

4. How did the actions of Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks help to make the world a fairer place? (4 marks)

5. Explain why it is important for historians to study the lives of people like Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks today. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who loves history. Write a short diary entry (about 50-75 words) explaining why you admire the courage shown by these two women. Use the word bank words to help you. (5 marks)

7. Name one other person who has made a positive change in history and one thing they achieved. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping a soldier or Rosa Parks sitting on a bus. Add a speech bubble showing a message of kindness or courage.

Extension challenge: Total: /25