Inspiring Figures in Black History

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and their contributions to society.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about these important people. Read the name on the front and try to recall their achievement before checking the answer.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A brave Jamaican nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers and set up the 'British Hotel'.

What is Rosa Parks known for?

She is famous for her courage in refusing to give up her seat on a bus in America, which helped start the fight for equal rights.

Who was Walter Tull?

He was a professional footballer and became one of the first Black officers to lead white troops in the British Army during the First World War.

Why is Benjamin Zephaniah remembered?

He was a talented poet and author who used his writing to speak up for fairness and express his love for British culture.

What did Mae Jemison achieve?

She was the first Black woman to travel into space as an astronaut, showing that science and exploration are for everyone.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A writer who had been enslaved as a child; he wrote a famous book about his life that helped people understand why the slave trade was wrong.

What is the importance of the Windrush generation?

People who travelled from the Caribbean to the UK after the Second World War to help rebuild the country and work in essential jobs.

Who was Diane Abbott?

She made history in 1987 by becoming the first Black woman to be elected as a Member of Parliament in the UK.

What did Nelson Mandela fight for?

He spent his life fighting against unfair laws in South Africa called apartheid to ensure everyone was treated equally regardless of their skin colour.

How did Ellie the elephant learn about history?

Ellie uses her excellent memory to remember the stories of these pioneers so that their contributions are never forgotten.