Ellie’s History Fact-File: The Fight for Equality

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Civil Rights Movement and the impact of key historical figures on equality and justice.

Use your history textbooks or library resources to research the Civil Rights Movement. Ellie the Elephant loves to remember important stories from the past, so fill in this fact-file to help her keep a record of these vital events. Ensure you include dates, key locations, and the impact of the actions taken.

Word bank: segregation · equality · legislation · protest · justice · discrimination · activism · human rights · boycott · integration

1. Key Figures: Choose one person who fought for civil rights. Write their name and describe their main goal or vision for society. (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Explain what life was like for people affected by segregation and discrimination. What specific rights were they being denied? (3 marks)

3. Taking Action: Describe one specific event or method of protest (such as a march, a speech, or a boycott) used to challenge unfair laws. (3 marks)

4. The Outcome: What changes to laws or society happened as a result of the Civil Rights Movement? Why was this progress so important? (3 marks)

5. Reflection: If you could ask a civil rights activist one question today, what would you ask them and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a modern-day human rights organisation. Write a short paragraph explaining how they continue the work started by those in the Civil Rights Movement, and list three items you would include in a 'kit' for someone campaigning for fairness today.