

Celebrating Pioneers: A Black History Month Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of individuals from Black history to British and global society, and understand the importance of representation.

Ellie the elephant has been busy researching history! Below are descriptions of six inspiring historical figures. Your task is to sort these descriptions by matching the person to their key achievement or field of influence. Once matched, complete the questions to reflect on why their work matters today.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Benjamin Zephaniah · Sir Lewis Hamilton · Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

1. 1. Match the name from the word bank to the description: A) A British-Jamaican nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War. (2 marks)

2. 2. Match the name from the word bank to the description: B) A professional footballer and one of the first Black British army officers during World War I. (2 marks)

3. 3. Match the name from the word bank to the description: C) A space scientist and educator who inspires children across the UK to look at the stars. (2 marks)

4. 4. Why is it important to celebrate the achievements of people from diverse backgrounds during Black History Month? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

5. 5. Think of a modern-day hero who inspires you. How has their work helped make the world a kinder or more equal place? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure you have learned about today inside a picture frame. Around the frame, draw symbols that represent their achievements (for example, a telescope for a scientist or a book for an author).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter for a school newspaper. Write a short 'Did You Know?' paragraph about one of the people mentioned above to share with your classmates, including why their story is still relevant in the 21st century.