Trailblazers of Change: A Social Studies / History Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black historical figures to British society and their impact on civil rights and culture.

Ellie the elephant has been researching incredible people who have helped shape history. Below is a list of historical figures and their achievements. Your task is to sort these figures into the correct category based on their primary contribution: 'Science and Medicine', 'Arts and Literature', or 'Social Justice and Equality'. Write the name of the person under the correct heading.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Samuel Coleridge-Taylor · Olaudah Equiano · Ignatius Sancho · Walter Tull · Dr Harold Moody

1. 1. Research and categorise Mary Seacole and Dr Harold Moody into 'Science and Medicine'. Explain one reason why they were significant. (2 marks)

2. 2. Place Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and Ignatius Sancho into 'Arts and Literature'. What kind of creative impact did they have on British culture? (2 marks)

3. 3. Place Olaudah Equiano and Walter Tull into 'Social Justice and Equality'. Why is it important to remember their efforts today? (2 marks)

4. 4. If you could interview one of these figures, which one would you choose and what is one question you would ask them about their life? (2 marks)

5. 5. Compare the challenges faced by these individuals. How did their actions help change laws or attitudes in Britain? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of one of the historical figures mentioned above, surrounded by symbols that represent their life's work (e.g., a medical cross for a doctor, or a quill and paper for an author).

Extension challenge: Choose one of the figures from the list and create a 'Fact File' card. Include their birth year, their biggest achievement, and a quote that represents their bravery or talent.