Social Studies / History Fact-File: Celebrating Significant Lives

Learning objective: To research and record the contributions of a significant Black individual from history, understanding their impact on society.

Choose a significant Black individual from history who has made a lasting impact. Use your research skills to fill in this fact-file. Make sure to use clear, historical language and explain why their achievements are important to us today. Ask Ellie the Elephant for help if you need to remember key dates or sequences of events!

Word bank: Legacy · Contribution · Resilience · Significant · Injustice · Advocacy · Achievement · Pioneer · Impact · Change-maker

1. Name and Background: Who is the person you have chosen? Briefly describe their early life and the time period in which they lived. (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: What obstacles or injustices did this person face during their lifetime, and how did they respond to them? (3 marks)

3. Key Achievements: What are the two most important things this person achieved? Explain how these changed society. (4 marks)

4. The Legacy: Why is it important that we remember this person today? How does their story influence the world we live in now? (3 marks)

5. Reflection: If you could ask this person one question about their journey, what would it be and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a newspaper article from the time of this person's greatest achievement. Write a headline and the first paragraph of the report, focusing on how the public might have reacted to the news.