Celebrating Remarkable People

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black Social Studies / History Month and recognise the contributions of significant historical figures.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences.

Every October, we celebrate Black Social Studies / History Month in the United Kingdom. It is a special time to learn about the incredible lives and achievements of Black people who have helped shape our world. Ellie the Elephant, who loves history, says that looking back helps us understand how far we have come. During this month, we remember people like Mary Seacole. She was a brave nurse who travelled a long way to help soldiers during the Crimean War. She used her own money to look after them when they were hurt or ill. We also celebrate amazing inventors, scientists, and artists who changed history with their big ideas. By sharing these stories, we show how people from all backgrounds make our society kinder and stronger. Learning about these pioneers reminds us that everyone has the power to make a positive difference. Whether they wrote books, led communities, or discovered new things, their hard work still matters today. It is a time for us to listen, learn, and be inspired by the courageous people who came before us.

Word bank: contribution · history · celebrate · achievement · pioneer · inspire

1. In which month do we celebrate Black Social Studies / History Month in the United Kingdom? (1 mark)

2. What was the job of Mary Seacole? (1 mark)

3. Why does Ellie the Elephant think it is important to look back at history? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Mary Seacole showed she was a kind person? (2 marks)

5. Which person mentioned in the text do you find the most inspiring and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a historical hero you have learned about, including them doing something helpful for others.

Extension challenge: Research another famous person from Black history. Write three facts about them to share with a partner.