Champions of Change: A Social Studies / History of Civil Rights

Learning objective: To structure an informative historical report about the struggle for equality and civil rights.

Use the prompts below to build your report. Ellie the elephant has reminded us that every story has a beginning, a middle, and a lasting impact. Ensure you use formal, objective language throughout your writing.

The fight for civil rights represents a pivotal chapter in global history, where individuals stood together to challenge unfair treatment and demand equality for all.

Word bank: furthermore · subsequently · injustice · legislation · fundamental · nevertheless · advocated · perseverance · inequality · legacy

1. Introduction: What were the main reasons for the inequality that sparked these movements? Start your paragraph with: 'The struggle for civil rights emerged because...' (2 marks)

2. Key Figures: Who were the leaders of these movements and what did they hope to achieve? Start your paragraph with: 'Influential figures such as... played a crucial role by...' (3 marks)

3. Methods of Protest: Describe the ways in which people peacefully campaigned for change. Start your paragraph with: 'To bring attention to their cause, campaigners organised...' (3 marks)

4. Outcomes and Legislation: What laws or changes were made as a result of these actions? Start your paragraph with: 'Following years of campaigning, significant changes occurred when...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why does this history still matter today? Start your paragraph with: 'Reflecting on the civil rights movement, it is clear that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific protest or event from the civil rights era. Write a diary entry from the perspective of someone who attended, focusing on how they felt and what they witnessed.