Celebrating Pioneers and History Makers

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month by identifying the contributions of significant historical figures and reflecting on the impact of their achievements.

Use your knowledge of history to answer the questions below. Think carefully about how individuals have shaped the world we live in today. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate and honour the achievements, culture, and history of Black individuals. Throughout history, many people have shown incredible bravery and resilience to stand up for what is right. By learning about the lives of scientists, artists, leaders, and inventors, we can better understand how they helped to create a fairer and more inclusive society for everyone.

Word bank: contribution · equality · pioneer · resilience · courage · legacy · injustice · advocate

1. Define the word 'pioneer'. Why might someone be described as a pioneer if they were the first person to achieve something important? (2 marks)

2. Ellie the elephant remembers many stories of people who fought for equality. Explain why it is important to share these stories during Black History Month rather than just once a year. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the actions of a scientist who discovered something new with a leader who campaigned for civil rights. How did both contribute to the world? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Is it more important to learn about the challenges people faced or the successes they achieved? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

5. What might happen to our understanding of the world if we only learned about history from one perspective? Use the word 'legacy' in your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp that celebrates a person who has made a positive impact on history. Include symbols that represent their specific achievements.

Extension challenge: Research a historical figure who has made a significant contribution to society. Write a short, persuasive poem in the style of Leo the Lion that highlights the courage and legacy of this person.