

Black History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers with Ellie

Learning objective: To learn about significant historical figures and their contributions, developing an understanding of Black history within the British context.

Read each flashcard carefully. Ellie the elephant, who loves history, has chosen these facts to help you explore the lives of people who have shaped our world. Use these to test your knowledge or play a matching game.

What is the purpose of Black History Month?

It is a time to celebrate and honour the important contributions, achievements, and influence of Black people throughout history and in the present day.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A brave British-Jamaican nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers, using her own money and traditional herbal remedies.

What is a 'trailblazer'?

A person who is the first to do something new or different, opening up a path for others to follow.

Why is the invention of the traffic light signal significant?

Garrett Morgan, an African American inventor, created an improved three-position traffic signal which helped to make roads much safer for everyone.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and a brave officer who led men into battle during the First World War.

Define 'Legacy'.

The lasting impact or influence that a person leaves behind after their life or work has ended, which continues to affect future generations.

What does 'resilience' mean in the context of history?

The ability of a person to stay strong and keep going even when they face great challenges, unfair treatment, or difficult times.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American civil rights activist whose act of courage on a bus helped lead to important changes in laws regarding equality.

What is an 'activist'?

A person who works hard to bring about social or political change to make the world a fairer and better place for others.

Why do we study history?

To understand how the past shapes our present, to learn from mistakes, and to celebrate the achievements of people who have changed the world.