Celebrating Heroes: A Black History Month Activity

Learning objective: To learn about inspirational figures in history and use descriptive language to write about their achievements.

Ellie the elephant has a great memory for stories. She has picked four amazing people from history. Read the short facts about them and match the person to their special achievement by drawing a line. Then, use the sentence starters to write one sentence about why they are important.

Word bank: courage · pioneer · justice · achiever · inspiration · leader

1. 1. Match the person to their achievement:
Mary Seacole (Nurse) ———————— [ ] Invented a new way to help people breathe.
Garrett Morgan (Inventor) ———————— [ ] Helped soldiers during the Crimean War.
Rosa Parks (Activist) ———————— [ ] Helped people learn about the stars.
Benjamin Banneker (Scientist) ———————— [ ] Stood up for fairness and equal rights. (4 marks)

2. 2. Choose one person from the list above. Complete this sentence: 'I think _____ is an amazing person because they showed _____.' (2 marks)

3. 3. Finish this sentence: 'Learning about history helps us to...' (2 marks)

4. 4. Write one word from the word bank that describes someone who helps other people. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'Hero's Medal'. Inside the medal, draw a symbol for one of the people you learned about today (for example, a medical cross for a nurse or a star for a scientist).

Extension challenge: Imagine you are meeting one of these historical heroes. Write down two questions you would like to ask them, starting with 'How' or 'Why'.