

Trailblazers of History: A Journey with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and describe the contributions of significant Black historical figures to British and world history.

Ellie the elephant has been visiting her memory library to find out about amazing people who changed the world. Read the descriptions of these historical figures. Match each person to their incredible achievement by writing the correct name next to the description. Then, use the word bank to help you complete the sentences.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · contribution · courage · history

1. 1. I was a nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War. Who am I? (1 mark)

2. 2. I was a professional footballer and a brave officer in the British Army during the First World War. Who am I? (1 mark)

3. 3. I refused to give up my seat on a bus in America, which helped start a movement for equality. Who am I? (1 mark)

4. 4. Fill in the blank: Each person we have studied made a positive _____ to our world through their bravery and hard work. (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is it important to learn about these people during Black History Month? Write one reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Hero Badge' for one of the people mentioned in the activity. Include a symbol that represents their job or their bravery (for example, a stethoscope for a nurse or a football for a player).



Extension challenge: Choose one of the figures above and write a short poem of four lines about their life, just like Leo the lion would do!