A Life of Impact: Historical Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and record the contributions of a significant Black historical figure, justifying their impact on society.

Choose a significant Black historical figure to research. Use library books or reliable classroom resources to complete this fact-file. Ellie the elephant, who loves history, suggests you focus on how your chosen person overcame challenges to make a positive change in the world.

Word bank: contribution · legacy · advocate · courage · achievement · pioneer · injustice · influence

1. Who is the person you have chosen, and what are the key dates of their life? Explain why you selected this individual. (2 marks)

2. Describe the main challenge or injustice this person faced. How did they demonstrate courage in their response? (3 marks)

3. What was their most significant achievement? Justify why this achievement was important for people at that time. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the world before and after this person's actions. How did they change society? (4 marks)

5. What might happen if this person had not taken action? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. If you could ask this person one question about their life, what would it be and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a commemorative plaque or a museum exhibit display to honour this person. Include a short 'Legacy Statement' explaining why their story should be remembered for another hundred years.