

Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the purpose and importance of Black History Month in the UK.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in the boxes provided. Look for clues in the text to help you.

Ellie the Elephant loves to visit the local library to learn about the past. This month, Ellie is busy reading about Black History Month. In the UK, we celebrate this every October. It is a time to learn about the amazing things Black people have done for our country.

Ellie reads about inventors, writers, and brave people who fought for fairness. She learns that for a long time, these stories were not shared in books. Black History Month makes sure that everyone's story is told. It helps us remember that our history is made up of many different people from all over the world.

Ellie thinks it is important to celebrate these achievements all year round, not just in October. By learning about the past, we can build a kinder future for everyone. Ellie likes to share these stories with her friends because she knows that knowing the truth helps us understand each other. She believes that when we learn about the struggles and the successes of others, we grow to be better friends and neighbours.

Word bank: History · Contribution · Celebrate · Equality · Important

1. In which month do we celebrate Black History Month in the UK? (1 mark)

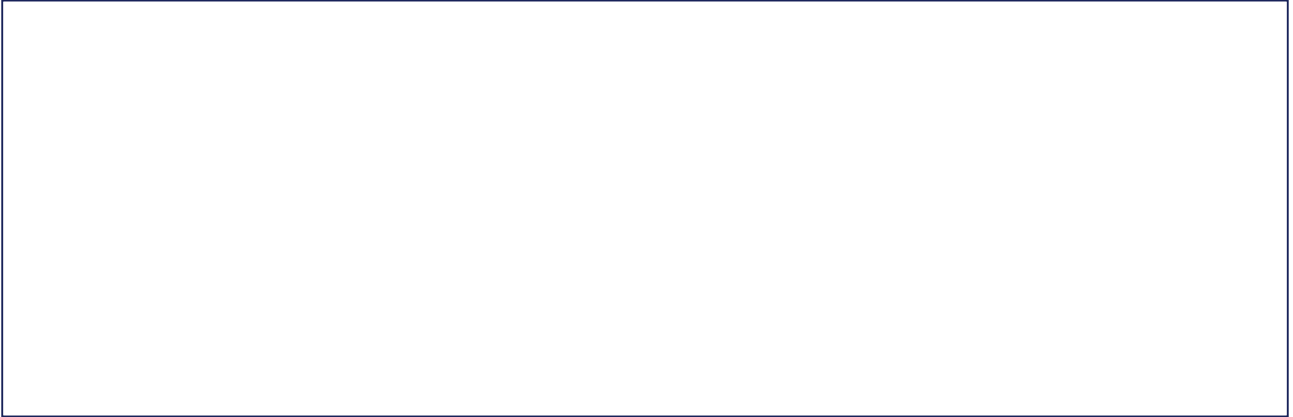
2. According to the text, what does Ellie learn about the people she reads about? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author say that Black History Month is important for our history books? (2 marks)

4. Why does Ellie think it is good to share these stories with her friends? (2 marks)

5. Do you think we should celebrate Black History Month all year round? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant holding a book about a famous person who has made a difference in history.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a person you admire who has helped make the world a fairer place.