Celebrating Heroes: A Sorting Activity

Learning objective: To learn about the significant contributions of Black historical figures and understand why we celebrate their achievements.

Ellie the elephant has a great memory for stories! She has gathered facts about four inspiring people. Read the sentences below and sort them into the correct 'Hero' category. Use the word bank to help you.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Walter Tull · Rosa Parks · Benjamin Zephaniah

1. 1. Who was a nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for soldiers during the Crimean War? (Name: _____) (2 marks)

2. 2. Who was a brave soldier and professional footballer who fought for his country during the First World War? (Name: _____) (2 marks)

3. 3. Who became a famous civil rights activist after refusing to give up her bus seat in America, helping to change unfair laws? (Name: _____) (2 marks)

4. 4. Who was a British poet and writer who used his words to share stories about his life and culture? (Name: _____) (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is it important to learn about these people during Black History Month? (Sentence starter: I think it is important because...) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of an inspiring person you have learned about. In your drawing, show them doing something kind or brave, just like the heroes Ellie told us about.

Extension challenge: Pick one of the heroes from the list and write one sentence about why they are an inspiration to you today.