Grade 1 History Assessment: Celebrating Inspiring Lives

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Black History Month and the contributions of historical figures who have made a positive impact on our world.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate. Ensure your handwriting is clear and neat.

Every October, we celebrate Black History Month. It is a special time to learn about the incredible lives of Black people who have helped shape our world. From inventors and scientists to writers and leaders, their work has made life better for everyone. By studying history, we learn how people stood up for fairness and used their talents to create change. We remember that every person has a story worth telling and a contribution worth celebrating.

Word bank: contribution · courage · pioneer · change · legacy · inspiration · community · achievement

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

2. Why is it important to learn about the lives of people from the past? Use the word 'inspiration' in your answer. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Ellie the Elephant says, 'History is a collection of stories.' List two different types of jobs or roles that people from the past might have had, as mentioned in the text. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Imagine you are interviewing a historical pioneer. Write two questions you would ask them to learn about their achievements. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: Why is it important to celebrate Black History Month in October, but also important to remember these stories all year round? (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Explain why it is important to stand up for fairness and equality in your own school community. (3 marks) (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a short biography (about 60 words) about a person who has made a positive change in the world. Describe what they did and why they are a hero to others. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of someone you think is a hero, and in the space below, write one sentence explaining the 'legacy' or 'change' they created.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: If you could create a new national holiday to celebrate a person who has made the world a better place, who would it be? Justify your choice and explain what activities people would do to celebrate them.