History Assessment: Significant Individuals and Contributions

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black individuals to British and world history.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and full sentences where required. Ellie the Elephant will be proud of your excellent memory and careful thought!

History is the study of the past. By looking at the lives of remarkable people, we can learn how the world has changed. Some people have shown great bravery to stand up for what is right, while others have made amazing discoveries in science, medicine, and the arts. Their stories help us understand our world today and inspire us to make positive choices for the future.

Word bank: courage · contribution · change · pioneer · legacy · hero · history · equality

1. Identify one reason why we study the lives of important people from the past. (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. Think about Mary Seacole. Describe one way she helped soldiers during the Crimean War. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Rosa Parks is known for her role in the struggle for civil rights. Explain why her actions were considered brave at that time. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Compare the contributions of two historical figures you have studied. How did their actions lead to change in society? (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important to celebrate the achievements of Black individuals during Black History Month? (5 marks) (5 marks)

6. What might happen to our understanding of the past if we only learned about one type of person? (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure you have learned about. In the space around them, draw three symbols that represent their achievements or the change they brought to the world.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are a journalist in the past. Write a short news report (50-70 words) about a moment where a historical figure you studied made a positive difference. Use at least three words from the word bank.