Celebrating Heroes: A Timeline of Change

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month by identifying key figures and their contributions to society.

Ellie the Elephant is putting together a timeline for our school library to celebrate Black History Month. Below are five important figures who have made a positive difference in our world. Your task is to match the person to their achievement by writing the correct name next to the description. Then, read the statements and decide if they are True or False, explaining your reasoning.

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

1. 1. Match the person to the achievement: A) A famous poet who wrote about his experiences growing up in Britain. B) A brave nurse who helped soldiers during the Crimean War. C) A courageous woman who stood up for equality on a bus. D) A professional footballer who also became a brave soldier. E) A well-known journalist and news presenter who inspired many. (5 marks)

2. 2. True or False: Black History Month is only important for people who have African or Caribbean heritage. Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. 3. Why do you think it is important to learn about the lives of people from the past who fought for fairness? (2 marks)

4. 4. If you could interview one of the people mentioned above, what is one question you would ask them? (1 mark)

5. 5. Think of a way you can show kindness and fairness in your own classroom today, just like the heroes we have studied. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Hero Badge' for one of the people on our list. Include one symbol that represents what they were famous for (for example, a book for a writer, or a medal for a soldier).

Extension challenge: Research one other person who has made a positive impact on the world. Write three sentences about why they are a role model and share your findings with a partner.