

Celebrating Remarkable People: An English Assessment

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key information and exploring the contributions of historical figures.

Read the text carefully about two inspiring figures from history. Use the information to answer the questions in full sentences. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. One such pioneer was Mary Seacole. Born in Jamaica, she was a nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers. She used her own money to set up the 'British Hotel', where she provided food and medical care for the troops. Her kindness and bravery saved many lives. Another inspiring figure is Walter Tull. He was one of the first Black professional footballers in England. Later, he joined the army during the First World War. Despite facing unfair treatment because of the colour of his skin, he showed great leadership and was even recommended for a high military honour. Both Mary and Walter showed incredible perseverance, and their stories are now shared to inspire future generations.

Word bank: pioneer · contribution · perseverance · courage · legacy · achievement

1. Based on the text, why did Mary Seacole travel to the Crimean War? (2 marks)

2. What was the 'British Hotel' and why was it important for the soldiers? (2 marks)

3. In what two different careers did Walter Tull make his mark? (2 marks)

4. Find one adjective in the text that describes the character of both Mary Seacole and Walter Tull. Explain why this word fits them. (3 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for us to learn about these historical figures during Black History Month? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of either Mary Seacole or Walter Tull. Around your drawing, write three words that describe the bravery they showed in their lives.



Extension challenge: Imagine you could interview Mary Seacole or Walter Tull. Write three questions you would ask them to learn more about their experiences.