

Celebrating Pioneers: A Black History Month Word Mat

Learning objective: To use descriptive vocabulary and historical understanding to celebrate the achievements of significant Black individuals throughout history.

Read the passage about historical pioneers below. Use the word bank to help you write a short poem or paragraph about a person who inspires you. Remember to check your spelling and use your best handwriting.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Black people to our world. Throughout history, many individuals have shown immense courage to stand up for what is right. From Mary Seacole, who provided comfort and care to soldiers during the Crimean War, to inventors who changed how we live today, these pioneers paved the way for future generations. Ellie the elephant, who loves history, says that every person has a story worth telling. By remembering these brave leaders, we learn how kindness, determination, and hard work can make the world a fairer place for everyone.

Word bank: courageous · pioneer · resilient · legacy · extraordinary · triumph · inspirational · determination · contribution · advocate · change-maker · perseverance

1. Why is it important to celebrate Black History Month? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

2. Who was Mary Seacole and what did she do during the Crimean War? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives from the word bank that describe someone who does not give up easily. (2 marks)

4. If you were writing a story about a pioneer, which word from the word bank would you use to describe them? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. How can learning about historical figures help us make the world a 'fairer place'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you admire from history. Surround them with symbols that represent their achievements, such as a book for a writer or a telescope for a scientist.



Extension challenge: Research a person who has made a positive impact on your local community. Write a short 'thank you' letter to them, using at least three words from the word bank.