



ACTIVITY 4

MARY'S STRENGTH

I can share my developing views about values such as fairness and equality and love, caring, sharing and human rights. RME 2–02b

I can discuss why people and events from a particular time in the past were important, placing them within a historical sequence.

SOC 2–06a

I can gather and use information about forms of discrimination against people in societies and consider the impact this has on people's lives. SOC 2–16b

David's success was also because of his wife Mary's involvement on his expeditions. Mary knew many African languages and knew the customs and traditions of the community groups who lived in southern Africa.

Mary travelled with David and their three children back across the Kalahari desert at seven months pregnant. They were exhausted, tired and hungry. This led to Mary having a stroke and her baby sadly passed away a few weeks after birth. Despite her poor health, Mary went with David on a longer trek the following year with their family, angering her mother.

Although Mary's story is not as famous as David's, she played a huge role and showed undeniable strength throughout her family's travels.

TASK A

What questions would you ask Mary if you could go back in time? Take turns to hotseat being Mary. How might she be feeling?

TASK B

Imagine you are Mary on one of these expeditions writing home to her mother. Write how you are feeling and what your daily routine is like. **What questions would you ask your mother about home?** Swap with a partner and play the part of Mary's mother, responding to their letter as Mary. Consider how you would be feeling about Mary's misfortune if you were her Mum!

TASK C

Watch this video about the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnloKzEAX7o> **Why is she an inspiration?**

As a class, use Survey Monkey or Google Forms to design a survey to gather data about who your classmates think are inspiring girls or women. These could be people you know, or people you've never met but know about because you've seen them on TV or the internet.

What is it that inspires you about them?