

Celebrating Pioneers: Black History Month

Learning objective: To recognise and celebrate the significant contributions of Black historical figures to British and global society, and to understand why we dedicate a month to this history.

Use your historical knowledge and the word bank to answer the questions below. Think carefully about how these individuals changed the world for the better.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. It is a time to learn about the pioneers who stood up for equality, made discoveries in science and medicine, and enriched our culture through art, literature, and leadership. By studying these stories, we gain a better understanding of our shared history and the importance of fairness for everyone.

Word bank: contribution · pioneer · legacy · injustice · equality · advocate · representation

1. Ellie the elephant has a great memory for stories. Choose one Black historical figure you have studied in class and explain one important thing they did to help others. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think it is important to have a specific month dedicated to learning about Black history, rather than just learning about it on one single day? (2 marks)

3. Nova the owl loves to ask questions about the past. If you could interview a famous Black pioneer from history, what is one question you would ask them about their life or their work? (1 mark)

4. The word 'legacy' means the long-lasting impact someone leaves behind. Describe a legacy left by a person you have studied during this topic. (2 marks)

5. Max the monkey says that history is like a puzzle. How do the stories of different Black pioneers fit together to help us understand the fight for equality? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a Black historical figure you admire. Around the outside of your portrait, draw symbols or items that represent the work they did or the change they brought to the world.



Extension challenge: Research a Black Briton who has made a significant contribution to science, sport, or the arts. Write a short 'Did You Know?' fact card about them that could be displayed in your classroom.