

Celebrating Black History: My Hero Biography

Learning objective: To research and write a biography about a significant Black historical figure, identifying their contributions to society and why they are an inspiration today.

Choose a person from Black history who you find inspiring. Use the scaffold below to organise your research into clear paragraphs. Remember to use formal language and include why their actions were important.

History is shaped by the brave actions and brilliant ideas of many different people, and during Black History Month, we take time to celebrate the incredible contributions of Black individuals who have changed the world.

Word bank: Furthermore · Additionally · Overcoming challenges · Inspirational · Significant · Despite · Consequently · As a result · Legacy · Determination

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen to write about, and what is one interesting fact about their early life? (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: What obstacles or difficulties did this person face, and how did they show resilience or courage to overcome them? (3 marks)

3. The Achievement: What specific contribution did they make to their field (such as science, arts, sport, or civil rights)? (3 marks)

4. The Legacy: Why is this person still remembered and celebrated today? How do their actions continue to help people now? (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why does this person inspire you personally? What quality of theirs would you like to show in your own life? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing your chosen hero. Write three questions you would ask them to learn more about their journey and how they felt during their greatest achievement.