

Black Social Studies / History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers

Learning objective: To research and write a biography about an influential Black historical figure, explaining their contribution to society.

Use this scaffold to organise your research. Think about who you have chosen, what they achieved, and why their story matters today. Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

Throughout history, many incredible Black individuals have shaped our world through their bravery, creativity, and determination.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · a significant achievement · pioneering · courageous · meanwhile · as a result · in history · lasting impact

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen to write about, and what is the main reason they are remembered in history? Start with: I have chosen to write about... (2 marks)

2. Early Life: What was their life like when they were younger? Start with: During their early years, they... (2 marks)

3. Key Achievements: What major challenges did they face and how did they overcome them? Start with: One of their most important achievements was... (3 marks)

4. Lasting Impact: How does this person's work affect our lives today? Start with: Their work is still important today because... (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you find this person's story inspiring? Start with: I find [Name] inspiring because... (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing this historical figure. Write three questions you would ask them if you could travel back in time, and predict how they might answer.