

Unsung Heroes: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To write a biographical recount celebrating the achievements and influence of a significant Black historical figure.

Use this scaffold to research and write about a person who has made an important contribution to history. Ensure you use past tense and include specific details about their life and legacy.

History is a tapestry woven by many hands, and today we turn our attention to the remarkable life of a person whose bravery and innovation changed the world for the better.

Word bank: courageous · pioneering · influential · determination · legacy · furthermore · consequently · nevertheless · significant · adversity

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and why did they become a significant figure in history? Start with: I have chosen to research [Name] because... (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Challenges: What were the early years of their life like, and what obstacles did they have to overcome? Start with: During their early life, this individual faced... (3 marks)

3. Key Achievements: What are the main accomplishments that this person is remembered for today? Start with: The most significant achievement of their career was... (3 marks)

4. Impact and Legacy: Explain why their work remains important today. Justify your answer by considering how society would be different without their contributions. Start with: The legacy of [Name] is still felt today because... (4 marks)

5. Comparison: Compare and contrast the challenges this person faced with the opportunities we have today. What might happen if their achievements had never occurred? Start with: When I compare the past to the present, I notice that... (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your feelings about this person. What specific character trait do you admire most and why? Start with: In conclusion, I believe [Name] was a truly remarkable person because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing this historical figure. Write three challenging questions you would ask them to uncover the details of their motivation. Then, write their response, ensuring you maintain their historical voice and perspective. How would you justify the importance of teaching their story in classrooms today?