

Celebrating Black History Month

Learning objective: To comprehend the significance of Black History Month and its importance in celebrating the achievements of black people throughout history.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In the UK, Black History Month is celebrated every October. It's a time to learn about the achievements of black people who have made a significant impact on our history. One of the most important figures from this time is Mary Seacole. She was a nurse during the Crimean War and risked her own life to care for soldiers from all backgrounds. Mary's bravery and compassion helped to improve healthcare for many people. Today, we celebrate Mary's achievement and the many others who have fought for equality and freedom. By learning about our shared heritage, we can work together towards a fairer and more equal society.

Word bank: slavery · freedom · equality · achievement · heritage

1. Who was a nurse during the Crimean War? (2 marks)

2. What impact did Mary Seacole's work have on healthcare? (2 marks)

3. Why is Black History Month important? (3 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'shared heritage' mean in the context of the passage? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Black History Month is an important way to promote equality and freedom? Explain your answer. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping soldiers during the Crimean War.



Extension challenge: Research and write about another important figure from Black History Month. What were their achievements, and how did they contribute to our shared heritage?