

Exploring Black History Month

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Black History Month and identify key figures and events in British history.

Read the passage and complete the questions. Use the word bank to help you.

Black History Month is celebrated every year in October. It is a time to remember and appreciate the achievements of Black people in Britain. One of the most important figures in British history is Mary Seacole. She was a Jamaican-Scottish nurse who helped soldiers during the Crimean War. Mary Seacole was a true pioneer and showed great bravery and kindness. She also played a big role in fighting for equality and fairness. Another important figure is Olaudah Equiano, a former slave who became a successful writer and activist. He was a powerful voice against slavery and fought for the rights of Black people.

Word bank: emancipation · equality · pioneers · influence · contributions · important

1. What is Black History Month? (2 marks)

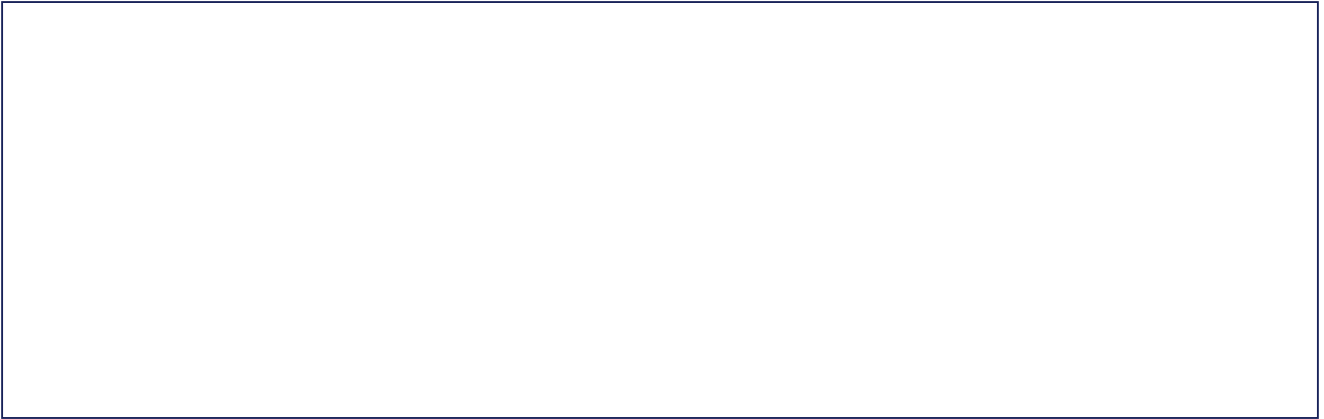
2. Who was Mary Seacole and what did she do? (4 marks)

3. What was one of Mary Seacole's biggest contributions? (2 marks)

4. How did Olaudah Equiano help the cause of Black people? (3 marks)

5. Why is it important to remember the achievements of Black people in history? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole and describe what she is doing.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of Mary Seacole and describe what she is doing.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a historian researching the life of a Black person from British history. Write a short biography about their life and achievements.