

# Inspiring Figures in Black History

*Learning objective: To identify and understand the contributions of significant historical figures within Black history, exploring their impact on society and civil rights.*

Read each flashcard front and back to learn about these influential people. Use these to test your knowledge with a partner.

## Who was Rosa Parks?

An American activist who famously refused to give up her seat on a bus, which helped spark the movement for equal rights.

## What was the 'Windrush' generation?

People who travelled from Caribbean countries to the UK between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War.

## Who was Mary Seacole?

A Jamaican-British nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

## What did Martin Luther King Jr. dream of?

He dreamt of a world where people would be judged by the 'content of their character' rather than the color of their skin.

## Who was Walter Tull?

A professional footballer who became one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

## What is the significance of the 'I Have a Dream' speech?

It was a powerful address given in 1963 calling for an end to racism and for civil and economic rights for all.

## Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A writer and abolitionist who had been enslaved as a child and later wrote an autobiography that helped people understand why slavery was wrong.

## What was the purpose of the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

A protest campaign where people refused to use the public bus system to challenge unfair segregation laws.

## Who was Harriet Tubman?

A brave woman who escaped slavery and helped hundreds of others escape to freedom using a secret network known as the Underground Railroad.

## Why is it important to learn about Black History?

To recognize the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history and to understand the ongoing fight for fairness and equality.