

Trailblazers of Change: Black History in Britain

Learning objective: To identify and describe the contributions of significant Black individuals to British history and understand their impact on society.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of historical figures and events to answer in full sentences. Remember to think about why these individuals are remembered today.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Olaudah Equiano · Windrush generation · activism · contribution · nursing · abolition · heritage

1. Mary Seacole is famous for her work during the Crimean War. Describe two ways she helped soldiers and explain why she is considered a hero. (4 marks)

2. Who was Olaudah Equiano, and what role did his autobiography play in the movement to end the slave trade? (3 marks)

3. Explain the significance of the 'Windrush' arrival in 1948. How did this event change the population and culture of the United Kingdom? (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey has found a math puzzle! If a community group raises £150 for a local history project, and they spend £45 on books and £65 on a commemorative plaque, how much money do they have left for their event? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for historians to study a wide range of voices and people from the past, rather than just one type of person? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who has made a positive change in history. Surround them with symbols that represent their achievements, such as books, medicine, or tools.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant is writing a biography! Choose one person from Black British history and write a short poem or a 'fact file' about their life, focusing on one major challenge they overcame.