

Black History Month: Journeys and Contributions

Learning objective: To evaluate the impact of significant individuals from Black history and reflect on the importance of equality and historical representation.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Remember to use full sentences for extended responses.

History is a tapestry woven from the stories of many different people. Black History Month provides an opportunity to focus on the achievements, struggles, and innovations of Black individuals who have shaped our world. From Mary Seacole's bravery as a nurse during the Crimean War to the artistic and scientific contributions of many others, these figures often showed immense courage in the face of prejudice. By studying their lives, we gain a clearer understanding of how progress is made through advocacy and determination.

Word bank: Equality · Pioneer · Contribution · Legacy · Injustice · Representation · Perseverance · Advocacy

1. Identify one reason why we celebrate Black History Month in the United Kingdom. (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. Mary Seacole is a significant historical figure. Explain why her work during the Crimean War was considered heroic. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. What does the term 'legacy' mean in the context of history, and why is it important to remember the legacies of Black pioneers? (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by historical figures fighting for equality in the past with the ways we can promote fairness in our school today. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important that history books include the stories of people from a wide variety of backgrounds, rather than just one perspective? (5 marks) (5 marks)

6. If you were asked to design a monument for a Black historical figure, which person would you choose and what symbols would you include to represent their achievements? (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure who inspires you. Include at least two symbols in the background that represent their greatest contribution to society.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in the year 1900. Write a short diary entry describing how Mary Seacole's dedication to her 'British Hotel' changed the lives of the soldiers she cared for. Explain why her contribution was overlooked for many years and what it means to finally recognise her work today.

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