

Year 5 History Assessment: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of key figures in British and global history.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide clear and accurate answers. Ensure your written responses are well-structured and use full sentences.

Black History Month is observed annually to recognise and celebrate the significant contributions that Black people have made to history, society, and culture. In the UK, it is celebrated every October. It provides an opportunity to share stories of individuals who faced adversity and fought for fairness, justice, and equality. Learning about these pioneers helps us understand how our world has changed and reminds us of the work still needed to build a fair society for everyone.

Word bank: contribution · legacy · pioneer · activism · equality · representation · historical · impact

1. In the UK, which month do we celebrate Black History Month and why is it important to have a specific month dedicated to this? (2 marks)

2. Identify one historical figure who fought for equality. Briefly explain what they did to make a difference. (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey is looking at a timeline of civil rights. Why is it important for historians to study primary sources, like letters or photographs, when learning about Black history? (3 marks)

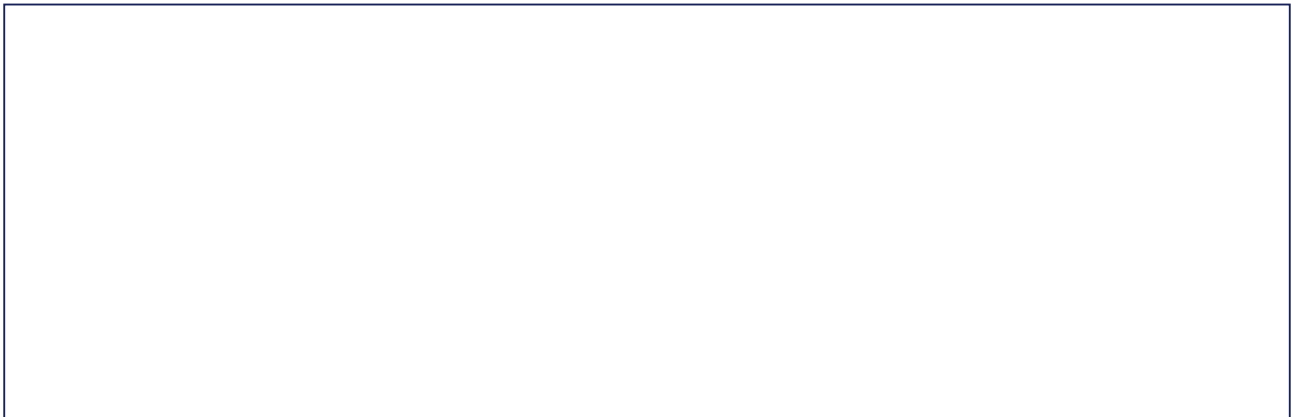
4. Explain the difference between 'individual impact' and 'collective action' when discussing the fight for civil rights. (4 marks)

5. Why might some people argue that Black history should be taught as part of the everyday curriculum rather than just during one month? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

6. Research task: If you were to nominate a modern-day person who is making a positive impact on society today, who would it be and why? (3 marks)

7. Define the word 'legacy' in your own words and explain how a historical figure's legacy can inspire people today. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who has inspired you. Around the portrait, draw symbols or words that represent their achievements and the positive change they brought to the world.



Extension challenge: Total: /25