

Celebrating Pioneers: A History Drawing Activity

Learning objective: To recognise the contributions of significant Black historical figures and understand the importance of Black History Month in the UK.

Use your knowledge of historical figures to complete the drawing activity. Add labels to your work to explain why these individuals are remembered today.

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure who has made a positive impact on British history. Place them in the centre of the page. Surround them with symbols of their work or their passions. Use a detailed, illustrative style. Include a border pattern that reflects the themes of growth and history.



Label words: Pioneer · Legacy · Inspiration · Achievement · Contribution · Change-maker

Steps:

1. Choose one historical figure you have studied. Draw them in the centre of your page. In the space below, explain one major achievement they are known for.
2. Label your drawing with at least two words from the word bank that describe the person's character or impact.
3. Draw an object in the corner of your page that represents the field your historical figure worked in (e.g., a book for a writer, a telescope for a scientist).

4. Ellie the elephant wants to know: Why do we celebrate Black History Month? Write one reason in your own words.
5. Add a small speech bubble next to your drawing. What is one positive message this person might say to someone working hard today?