

Black History Month: Celebrating Pioneers

Learning objective: To identify key figures and understand the significance of Black History Month in the UK, reflecting on contributions made by Black individuals throughout history.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about the people and history celebrated during Black History Month. You can use them to quiz a partner or practise on your own.

What is the purpose of Black History Month in the UK?

It is a month dedicated to celebrating and recognising the achievements, history, and contributions of Black people to British society and the world.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A British-Jamaican nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' behind the lines during the Crimean War to provide food and medical care for soldiers.

In which month is Black History Month celebrated in the United Kingdom?

October.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A writer and abolitionist who was born in Africa, enslaved, and later bought his freedom. He wrote a famous autobiography about his life to campaign against the slave trade.

Why do we study Black History?

To ensure our history is inclusive, to learn about the struggles for equality, and to celebrate the positive impact of diverse individuals on our lives today.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and a brave officer who led men into battle during the First World War.

What does the term 'legacy' mean in the context of history?

The long-lasting impact or influence someone leaves behind for future generations after they have passed away.

Who was Claudia Jones?

A journalist and activist who helped found the Notting Hill Carnival to celebrate Caribbean culture and bring communities together in London.

What is the significance of the Windrush Generation?

People who arrived in Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild the country after the Second World War.

Name one way you can celebrate Black History Month at school.

Researching a famous Black scientist, reading books by Black authors, or creating art inspired by Black artists.