

Black History Month: Celebrating Heroes and Trailblazers

Learning objective: To research and write a biography about a significant figure in Black history, focusing on their achievements and impact on society.

Use this writing frame to structure your biography. Choose a notable person from Black history, research their life, and use the prompts below to organise your information.

History is shaped by the brave individuals who stand up for what is right and change the world for the better.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In addition · Overcoming obstacles · A significant milestone · Despite the challenges · Leaving a legacy · Influential · Determined · Groundbreaking

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and why are they considered a significant historical figure? Start with: 'A truly influential person in history is...' (2 marks)

2. Early Life: What was their childhood like, and what early experiences helped shape their character? Start with: 'Born in..., their early life was defined by...' (3 marks)

3. Achievements: What were their major accomplishments, and what specific obstacles did they have to overcome? Start with: 'Throughout their life, they achieved...' (4 marks)

4. Impact: How did their actions change society for the people who came after them? Start with: 'Their work had a lasting impact because...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why do we remember them today, and how does their story inspire you?
Start with: 'In conclusion, we remember [Name] because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has an incredible memory for history! Imagine you are interviewing the person you researched. Write three thoughtful questions you would ask them to learn more about their motivations.