

Celebrating Black History: A Personal Reflection

Learning objective: To research and write a balanced report about the contributions and experiences of Black individuals in British history.

Use this scaffold to structure your writing. Start with a clear introduction, explore the historical context, highlight a significant person or movement, and finish with a personal reflection on why this history matters today.

Black history is an essential thread in the rich tapestry of our nation's story, spanning centuries of discovery, courage, and change.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · significantly · in addition to · notably · a turning point · pioneering · endurance · perspective · legacy

1. Introduction: What is the purpose of Black History Month and why is it important to celebrate it? Start by writing: 'Black History Month is a time to...' (2 marks)

2. Historical Context: Who are you choosing to write about and what were the main challenges they faced? Start by writing: 'One significant figure who inspires me is... because...' (3 marks)

3. Achievements: What specific actions or contributions did they make that changed society? Start by writing: 'Their most notable achievement was... which influenced...' (3 marks)

4. Legacy: How does their work still affect our lives in the UK today? Start by writing: 'Their legacy continues to impact us because...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How can we ensure that diverse voices continue to be heard and celebrated throughout the year? Start by writing: 'To ensure these stories are remembered, we should...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a lesser-known historical figure from your local area or city. Write a short paragraph explaining how their specific actions helped improve your local community.