

Celebrating Pioneers: A History Sketchbook

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the achievements of significant figures in Black history by synthesising historical information into a visual representation.

Use your knowledge of influential figures in Black history to create a commemorative portrait. Think about the impact these individuals had on science, literature, politics, or sport. Use the word bank to help label your artwork with key themes.

Draw: Draw a portrait of a Black historical figure in the centre of your page. Around them, draw at least three symbols or items that represent their specific achievements. For example, if you choose a scientist, you might include beakers or test tubes. Use a clean, biographical style, leaving space around the edges to write your labels and a short, one-sentence caption describing their 'Legacy'.



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

Steps:

1. Choose one historical figure you have studied. Write two sentences explaining why their contribution was important for the future.
2. Label your drawing with at least three words from the word bank that best describe your chosen figure's personality or actions.

3. If you could ask this person one question about their life, what would it be?
4. Identify one object or symbol you have included in your drawing that represents this person's work (e.g., a book, a lab coat, or a medal).
5. How does learning about these figures help us understand the world differently today?