

Historical Hero: Fact-File Template

Learning objective: To research and record the significant contributions of a Black historical figure and evaluate their impact on society.

Use this template to create a biography for a person from Black history who has made a positive impact on the world. Use Ellie's research tips: check your dates, look for primary sources, and consider how their actions changed history for the better. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly.

Word bank: courageous · pioneer · legacy · influence · determination · significance · advocate · contribution · injustice · civil rights

1. Name and Background: Who is your chosen historical figure? Where and when were they born, and what was their early life like? (3 marks)

2. Key Achievements: What were the main things this person achieved during their life? Explain why these actions were considered groundbreaking. (4 marks)

3. Overcoming Challenges: What obstacles or forms of prejudice did this person face? Explain how their determination helped them persist. (3 marks)

4. Historical Significance: Compare and contrast how society viewed this person's cause during their lifetime versus how it is viewed today. Justify your answer. (4 marks)

5. Legacy: Explain why it is important for us to remember this person today. What can we learn from their life and actions? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if this person had not taken a stand for their beliefs? Predict the potential impact on modern society. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a persuasive speech from the perspective of this historical figure, highlighting one specific moment where they showed great courage or leadership. Reflect on the emotions they might have felt during that event.