

Black Social Studies / History: Trailblazers and Change-Makers

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals and key events in Black history, recognising their contributions to society and civil rights.

Read the front of the flashcard to test your knowledge. Flip to check the answer provided. Use these to help you remember key facts for our history unit.

Who was Mary Seacole?

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

What was the 'Empire Windrush'?

A ship that arrived in Britain in 1948, carrying hundreds of passengers from the Caribbean who were invited to help rebuild the country after the Second World War.

What is meant by the term 'Segregation'?

The unfair separation of people based on their race, often seen in public places like schools, buses, and parks in history.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American activist known for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, which helped spark the Civil Rights Movement.

What did Walter Tull achieve during the First World War?

He became one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle, breaking barriers in the British Army.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A formerly enslaved man who wrote an autobiography about his life and became a leading voice in the campaign to abolish the slave trade in Britain.

What is the purpose of Black Social Studies / History Month in the UK?

It is an annual event held in October to celebrate and recognise the important contributions of Black people to British history and culture.

Why is Martin Luther King Jr. remembered?

He was a leader in the American Civil Rights Movement who advocated for equality and justice through peaceful protest and famous speeches.

Who was Dorothy Lawrence?

While she was a journalist, she highlights the importance of recording history; however, in the context of Black history, we study figures like Olive Morris, a British activist who campaigned for equal rights for women and the Black community in the 1970s.

What does the word 'Activist' mean?

A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change to make the world a fairer place.

How did the arrival of the Windrush generation change British society?

They brought new cultures, music, food, and skills, helping to create the diverse and multicultural society we have in Britain today.

What is a 'Civil Right'?

A basic right given to all citizens, such as the right to vote, the right to equal treatment under the law, and the right to freedom.