

Black Social Studies / History Month: Heroes and Pioneers

Learning objective: To identify key historical figures and understand the significance of Black Social Studies / History Month in the United Kingdom.

Use these flashcards to explore the lives of inspirational people. Read the front, then flip to check your knowledge of their achievements.

What is Black Social Studies / History Month?

A time to celebrate and learn about the achievements, history, and contributions of Black people to British society and the world.

Who was Mary Seacole?

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

Why do we remember Olaudah Equiano?

A formerly enslaved man who wrote an autobiography that helped people understand why the slave trade was cruel, leading to the campaign to abolish it.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and a brave officer in the British Army during the First World War.

What is a 'Legacy'?

Something that someone leaves behind for future generations, such as their work, their ideas, or the positive changes they made to the world.

Who was Claudia Jones?

A journalist and activist who founded the first major Black British newspaper and helped start the Notting Hill Carnival to celebrate Caribbean culture.

What does 'Equality' mean?

The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities for everyone, regardless of their background or race.

Who was Ignatius Sancho?

A composer, writer, and shopkeeper who was the first Black person of African origin known to have voted in a British general election.

What is the importance of 'Representation'?

Seeing people from all backgrounds in positions of leadership, history books, and media so that everyone feels valued and inspired.

Who was John Edmonstone?

A man who taught taxidermy (the art of preserving animals) to Charles Darwin, which helped Darwin develop his famous scientific theories.

Why is it important to study history beyond October?

Because the achievements of Black people are a permanent part of our shared human history that should be recognised and celebrated all year round.

What is an 'activist'?

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