

Black History Month: Celebrating Contributions and Equality

Learning objective: To recognise the importance of Black History Month, identify key historical figures, and understand the significance of equality and diversity in British society.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your writing is clear and demonstrates your understanding of history and PSHE values.

Black History Month is an annual event held in the UK every October. It is a time to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Black people to British history, culture, and society. Throughout history, individuals have campaigned for civil rights, challenged unfair treatment, and achieved excellence in fields such as science, politics, the arts, and sport. By learning about these stories, we can build a more inclusive society where everyone is treated with respect and fairness.

Word bank: Equality · Diversity · Inspiration · Contribution · Justice · Prejudice · Legacy · Achievement

1. In which month do we celebrate Black History Month in the UK, and why is it important to have a dedicated month for this? (2 marks)

2. Explain the meaning of the word 'equality' in your own words. How does this value help our school community? (3 marks)

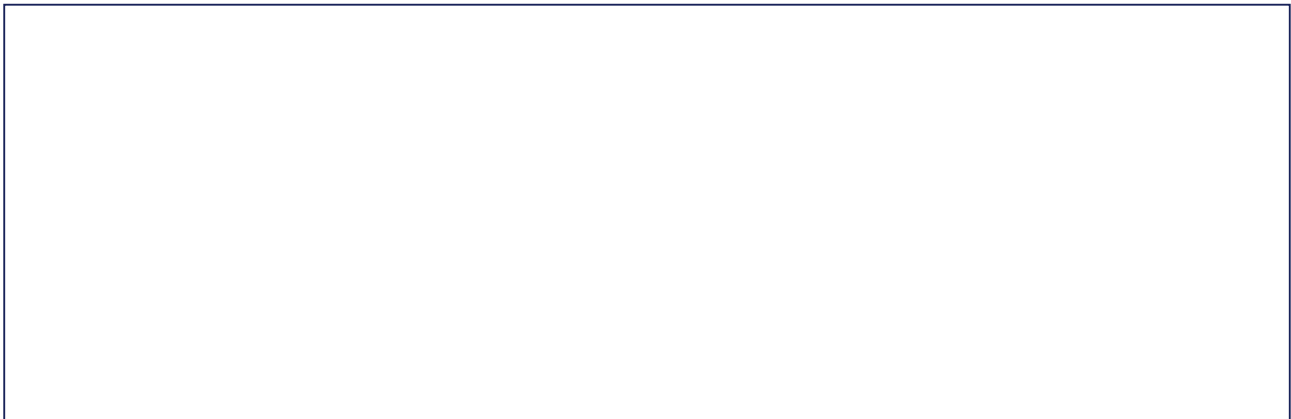
3. Name one area of society (e.g., science, sports, music) where Black individuals have made significant achievements. Give an example of how their work changed the world. (4 marks)

4. Why is it important to learn about history from many different perspectives rather than just one? (3 marks)

5. Max the monkey believes that fairness is like a maths equation: 'If everyone has the same rights, the total result is a fair society.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Write a short speech (about 100 words) that you could give to your class about why we should celebrate diversity all year round, not just in October. Include how we can be 'upstanders' rather than bystanders when we see unfairness. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster showing people from different backgrounds working together to build a bright, peaceful future. Include at least two symbols that represent unity and equality.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research one person who worked to improve civil rights in the UK. Write three sentences explaining why their actions cost them a lot of courage, and what legacy they left behind for us today.