

Unsung Heroes: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of historical figures from Black history and present their achievements through creative illustration.

Choose a historical figure who has made a significant impact on our world. Research their life and use the space provided to create a commemorative portrait. Include symbols or objects in your drawing that represent their specific achievements or field of expertise.

Draw: Create a detailed portrait in the centre of the page. Surround the figure with a 'story border'—a series of small vignettes or icons that depict the key events or inventions associated with their life. Use a realistic or illustrative style, ensuring the facial expressions convey the subject's determination and character. Incorporate at least four words from the word bank into the border design using creative lettering.



Label words: Innovation · Legacy · Pioneer · Resilience · Contribution · Advocacy · Achievement · Inspiration

Steps:

1. Identify the historical figure you have chosen and explain why their contributions are significant to modern society.
2. List three specific symbols you included in your drawing and justify why these items represent the person's legacy.

3. Compare the challenges faced by your chosen figure with the opportunities available to people in that field today.
4. Justify your choice of colour palette for the background of your portrait. How does it reflect the 'mood' or 'theme' of their life?
5. What might happen if the individual you have chosen had never pursued their area of expertise? Explain the potential impact on history.
6. If Ellie the elephant were to tell a story about this historical figure, which character trait would she highlight as the most important? Explain your reasoning.