

History Makers: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures and understand the importance of celebrating diverse achievements in British and global history.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of historical figures and their impact to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers.

Ellie the elephant has a wonderful memory for stories. She has spent this month learning about remarkable individuals who changed the world through their bravery, creativity, and determination. From inventors and scientists to civil rights leaders and artists, their actions have left a lasting legacy that continues to inspire us today. Black History Month is a time to reflect on these stories and acknowledge the progress made towards a fairer society.

Word bank: Contribution · Pioneer · Legacy · Injustice · Advocate · Resilience · Achievement · Equality

1. Ellie remembers that many Black historical figures had to overcome great obstacles. Explain why 'resilience' is a key quality for a pioneer to possess. (2 marks)

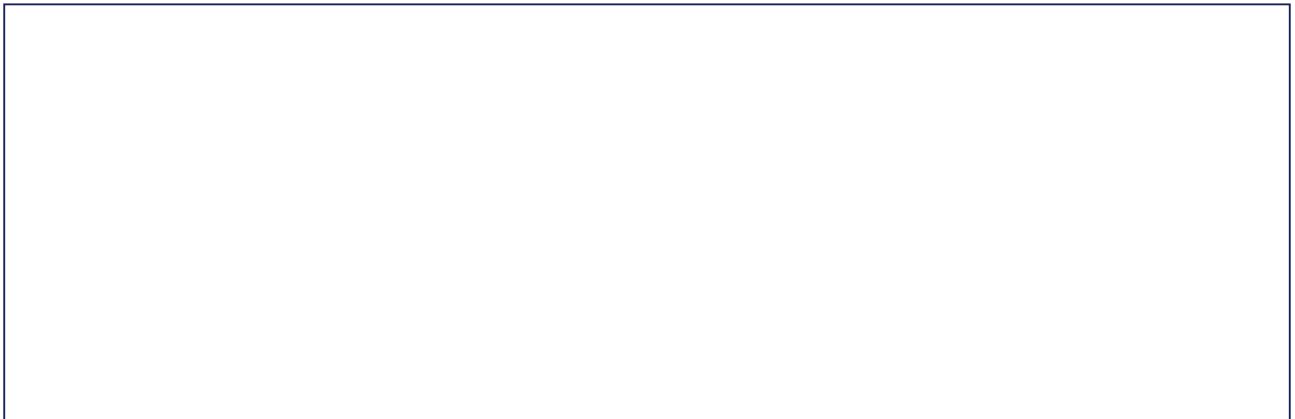
2. Choose one Black historical figure you have studied. Compare and contrast their contribution to society with the work of someone else from a different time period. (3 marks)

3. Why do you think it is important to celebrate Black History Month throughout the year, rather than just during October? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

4. Imagine a person who fought for equality in the past. What might happen if they had chosen not to speak up for what they believed was right? (2 marks)

5. If you were asked to design a monument to honour a Black historical figure, which person would you choose and what symbols would you include to represent their achievements? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure who inspires you. Around the portrait, draw three symbols that represent the values they stood for (for example, a book for education, a globe for global change, or a quill for writing).



Extension challenge: Write a short poem in the style of Leo the Lion about the importance of 'Equality'. Use at least three words from the word bank and ensure your poem reflects the concept of standing up for others.