

Year 4 History Assessment: Trailblazers and Change-Makers

Learning objective: To evaluate understanding of significant individuals from Black history and their impact on society.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

History is shaped by individuals who possess the courage to challenge unfair systems and the vision to build a better future. From Mary Seacole, who provided comfort and care to soldiers during the Crimean War, to modern-day figures who have campaigned for civil rights and scientific advancement, Black history is an essential thread in the tapestry of our shared past. Their contributions have significantly influenced how we understand fairness, community, and leadership today.

Word bank: Legacy · Injustice · Campaigner · Pioneer · Equality · Courage · Contribution · Resilience

1. Identify one significant historical figure you have studied who campaigned for equality. Describe one specific action they took to create change. (2 marks)

2. Explain why Mary Seacole is considered an important figure in British medical history. How did her actions differ from the expectations of her time? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by historical figures in the 19th century with those faced by activists in the 20th century. What remained the same? (4 marks)

4. Define the term 'legacy'. How does the work of a historical pioneer continue to affect your life in the UK today? (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you could nominate one person from Black history to be featured on a new British banknote, who would it be and why? Consider their contribution to society and the values they represent. (5 marks)

6. What might happen to our understanding of the past if we only learned about the lives of powerful leaders, while ignoring the contributions of ordinary people who fought for change? (4 marks)

7. Name one invention or cultural contribution made by a Black individual and explain how it improved the lives of others. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative plaque for a historical figure of your choice. Include symbols that represent their achievements and write a one-sentence tribute at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are a journalist in the past. Write a short news report (100 words) about a moment of significant change achieved by a Black pioneer, focusing on the impact it had on the local community.