

Black History Month: Celebrating Contributions

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of key figures in history.

Read each card and see if you can answer the question or define the term before looking at the answer provided.

What is Black History Month?

An annual event held in October in the UK to celebrate and recognise the contributions, achievements, and history of Black people.

What does the term 'Legacy' mean?

Something handed down from the past, such as the lasting impact of someone's actions or ideas.

Who was Mary Seacole?

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

What is the goal of 'Equality'?

Ensuring that every person has the same rights, opportunities, and is treated with fairness and respect regardless of their background.

Who was Walter Tull?

A professional footballer and one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

What does it mean to be a 'Pioneer'?

A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new area, or someone who develops new ideas and methods.

Why do we celebrate Black History Month in October in the UK?

It was founded in 1987 by Akyaaba Addai-Sebo to help the Black community celebrate their heritage and to educate the wider public about Black history.

What is 'Heritage'?

The traditions, achievements, and beliefs that are part of the history of a group of people.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American activist whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped spark the Civil Rights Movement, which fought for equality.

How can you show respect for Black History during the whole year?

By learning about diverse authors, inventors, and historical figures, and by listening to different perspectives and stories.