

Black History Month: Heroes and Pioneers Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify and describe the contributions of significant Black historical figures while developing analytical and historical enquiry skills.

Read the front of each card to learn about a key figure or concept. Use the back of the card to deepen your understanding. For the Greater Depth questions, use your historical knowledge to justify your reasoning.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A Jamaican-born nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' near the frontline during the Crimean War to provide food and medicine to soldiers.

What was the significance of Rosa Parks?

An activist whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a pivotal moment in the American Civil Rights Movement.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A writer and abolitionist who had been enslaved as a child, his autobiography helped convince the British public that the slave trade was cruel and unjust.

What does the term 'Legacy' mean in history?

The long-lasting impact or influence that a person leaves behind for future generations after they have passed away.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

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

To recognize and honor the often overlooked contributions of Black people to British history, culture, and society throughout the centuries.

Greater Depth: Explain why it is important for historians to research individuals like Mary Seacole.

Research helps to uncover stories that were previously hidden, ensuring a more accurate and balanced understanding of our shared history.

Greater Depth: Compare and contrast the methods used by activists like Rosa Parks and writers like Olaudah Equiano.

Both fought for equality but used different tools; Parks used direct action (protest), while Equiano used literature and storytelling to change public opinion.

Greater Depth: Justify why Walter Tull's achievements were considered extraordinary for the early 20th century.

Because of the racial prejudice present at the time, he had to overcome significant social barriers to succeed in both professional sport and the military.

Greater Depth: What might happen if we only ever read one perspective of a historical event?

We would develop a 'single story' view, missing out on the complexities, challenges, and diverse experiences that make history truthful and complete.