

Black History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers

Learning objective: To research and reflect on the significant contributions of individuals from Black history, considering their impact on society and their legacy today.

Choose a significant historical figure who has made a positive impact on the world. Use your research skills to fill in this fact-file. Think carefully about the challenges they faced and how their actions changed the course of history.

Word bank: Legacy · Inspiration · Contribution · Advocacy · Trailblazer · Significance · Determination · Overcome · Impact · Equality

1. Who is your chosen historical figure and what was their main area of achievement (e.g., science, civil rights, sport, or the arts)? (2 marks)

2. Explain why this person is considered a 'trailblazer'. What specific actions did they take to challenge the status quo? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast: How did the society they lived in differ from the society we live in today because of their work? (4 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why is it important that we continue to celebrate this person's achievements during Black History Month? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if this individual had never taken a stand? Describe the potential impact on modern life. (4 marks)

6. If you could meet this person, what is the most important question you would ask them about their journey? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an investigative journalist. Write a short news report (150 words) announcing a new statue of your chosen figure being unveiled in the town square. Describe the statue and explain to the public why this person deserves to be remembered forever.