

Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognise the achievements of Black individuals in British history.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

In the UK, we celebrate Black History Month every October. It is a special time to look back at the past. We learn about Black people who have made a big difference in our world. For a long time, many of these stories were not told in our history books. Black History Month helps us find these important stories. We learn about scientists, artists, and leaders who worked hard to change things for the better. Ellie the elephant loves this month because she has a great memory for stories! She says that learning about the past helps us understand the present. When we learn about these amazing people, we feel inspired to be kind and brave ourselves. From inventors who created new things to people who fought for fairness, their work helps everyone today. By sharing these stories, we make sure that everyone is remembered for their hard work. It is a time for us to celebrate, listen, and learn together as a community. Black history is part of all our history.

Word bank: Contribution: something given to help a cause · History: things that happened in the past · Inspire: to make someone want to do something good · Achievement: doing something difficult or special

1. In which month do we celebrate Black History Month in the UK? (2 marks)

2. List two types of people mentioned in the text whose stories we learn about. (2 marks)

3. Why does the text say some stories were not in our history books for a long time? (2 marks)

4. How does learning about Black history make people feel, according to the text? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important to learn about stories that have been forgotten? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a person who has done something great to help others. Give them a gold star or a medal for their achievement.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of a person who has done something great to help others, with a gold star or medal.

Extension challenge: Choose one person from history who you admire. Write one sentence about why they are important.