

Black History Month: Influential Figures Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and present information about a significant Black historical figure, using formal language and organising ideas into coherent paragraphs.

Choose a significant historical figure who has made a positive impact on society. Use reliable sources to research their life and achievements. Complete the fact-file below using your own words. Ensure you use a range of sentence structures and ambitious vocabulary.

Word bank: contribution · perseverance · legacy · significant · advocate · impact · pioneer · injustice · courage · determination

1. Name of the individual and a brief summary of their primary field of achievement (e.g., science, politics, arts, or civil rights): (2 marks)

2. Identify the key challenges they faced during their lifetime. Explain why these obstacles were significant in the context of the era they lived in: (4 marks)

3. Describe their most notable contribution to society. Justify why this action was considered a 'turning point' in history: (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the world before and after this person's contributions. What might have happened if they had not chosen to stand up for their beliefs? (4 marks)

5. Identify one specific character trait (e.g., resilience, bravery, empathy) that defined this person. Provide evidence from their life to support your choice: (3 marks)

6. Reflect on their legacy. How does their work continue to influence our modern lives in the UK or internationally today? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a formal letter to this historical figure, thanking them for their specific contribution and explaining how their legacy has inspired your own personal ambitions for the future.