

Year 6 English Assessment: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of key historical figures, analyse the impact of their contributions, and reflect on the importance of Black History Month.

Read the information provided carefully. Answer all questions in full sentences where appropriate. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

Black History Month is an annual event observed in the UK during October. It serves as an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the significant contributions that Black people have made to British society, culture, and history. From Mary Seacole, a Jamaican-Scottish nurse who provided care to soldiers during the Crimean War, to modern-day scientists and artists, these individuals have shaped our world. The month encourages us to reflect on the struggles against inequality and to honour those who have shown great courage in the pursuit of justice. By learning these stories, we gain a deeper understanding of our shared past and work towards a more inclusive future.

Word bank: pioneer · legacy · contribution · activism · injustice · resilience · equality · inspirational

1. According to the text, what is the primary purpose of Black History Month in the UK? (2 marks)

2. Identify one individual mentioned in the passage and describe the role they played in history. (2 marks)

3. Why is it important to learn about the struggles against inequality when studying history? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (4 marks)

4. Explain the meaning of the word 'legacy' in the context of someone's life achievements. (2 marks)

5. Nova the owl is researching historical figures. If you were Nova, which qualities would you look for in a 'pioneer' of change and why? (5 marks)

6. Write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) explaining why we should celebrate Black History all year round, rather than just in October. (5 marks)

7. Find and copy one word from the text that is a synonym for 'bravery'. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you find inspirational who has made a positive impact on society, and include a symbol that represents their achievement.



Extension challenge: Research a Black British historical figure not mentioned in the text. Write a short biography of 150 words about their life and their contribution to the UK. Total: /25