

Black History Month: Pioneers and Progress

Learning objective: To develop an understanding of significant figures and events in Black history, and to reflect on the importance of equality and representation.

Read the front of each flashcard and try to recall the key fact or definition provided on the back. Use these cards to test your knowledge about the contributions of Black individuals to British and global history.

What is Black History Month?

An annual observance that celebrates the achievements, contributions, and history of Black people.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A British-Jamaican nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

What is the Windrush generation?

People who arrived in the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War.

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

It was first introduced in 1987 by Akyaaba Addai-Sebo to help Black children understand their heritage and build self-esteem.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American activist whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped spark the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Civil Rights Movement.

What does 'activism' mean?

Taking action to bring about social or political change, often to challenge injustice.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and a brave officer who led men into battle during the First World War.

Define 'diversity' in a social context.

The inclusion of different types of people from various backgrounds, races, and cultures in a group or organisation.

What is a 'pioneer'?

A person who is among the first to research, develop, or explore a new area or idea, often paving the way for others.

How did Olaudah Equiano contribute to history?

He was a formerly enslaved man who wrote a famous autobiography and campaigned against the slave trade in the 18th century.

Why is 'representation' important?

It ensures that all people see themselves reflected in books, media, and positions of power, which helps everyone feel valued.

What is the significance of the Civil Rights Movement?

A struggle for social justice in the mid-20th century, mainly in the USA, aiming to end racial discrimination and secure equal rights.