

Black History Month: Celebrating Pioneers

Learning objective: To analyse the contributions of significant historical figures and reflect on the importance of Black History Month in the UK.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of historical figures and social change to provide detailed answers. Remember to use formal English and full sentences.

Black History Month is observed annually in the UK during October. It is a time to recognise and celebrate the vital contributions that Black people have made to British society, culture, and history over many centuries. From scientists and authors to activists and healthcare workers, this month highlights stories that have often been overlooked in traditional history books. By learning about these figures, we gain a deeper understanding of our shared past and work towards a more inclusive future.

Word bank: contribution · legacy · pioneer · diversity · injustice · equality · achievement · advocacy

1. Why is it important to learn about historical figures whose stories may have been excluded from traditional history books? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

2. Identify one significant Black historical figure from British history and briefly describe their primary achievement. (2 marks)

3. How does the celebration of Black History Month contribute to the core British value of 'mutual respect and tolerance'? (2 marks)

4. If you were asked to design a commemorative stamp for a Black British pioneer, which person would you choose and what symbols would you include to represent their work? (3 marks)

5. Using the word bank provided, write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining why diversity is a strength in modern society. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative plaque for a Black British pioneer of your choice. Include their name, the dates they lived, and a small illustration of an object that represents their biggest achievement.



Extension challenge: Research a Black person who has made a significant impact on local history in your own town or city. Write a short poem or a formal letter to your local council proposing that a street or park be named in their honour.