

Year 5 History Assessment: Celebrating Black History and Heritage

Learning objective: To evaluate the significance of key figures in Black history and understand the importance of historical contributions within the UK and globally.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed, accurate responses. Ensure your writing is clear and uses specific historical terminology.

History is a tapestry woven from the stories and actions of individuals from all backgrounds. Black History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the often-overlooked achievements of Black individuals throughout history. From pioneers in science and medicine to trailblazers in social justice and the arts, these figures have shaped the world we live in today. By studying their lives, we gain a more complete understanding of our shared past and the ongoing journey towards a fair and equal society.

Word bank: Legacy · Pioneering · Equality · Contribution · Injustice · Advocacy · Representation · Systemic · Resilience · Culture

1. Identify one significant Black historical figure and explain why their contribution is considered 'pioneering'. (2 marks)

2. Why do historians argue that it is important to include diverse narratives when studying British history? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by civil rights activists in the past with the methods used to advocate for equality today. Justify your answer with examples. (4 marks)

4. Explain why the term 'legacy' is often used when discussing the life of a historical figure. What might happen if their contributions were forgotten? (4 marks)

5. Define 'systemic injustice' and give a historical example of how individuals have challenged it. (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: 'History is not just about the past; it is about the future we choose to build.' Write a response justifying the importance of celebrating Black History Month in schools. Consider how learning about diverse achievements impacts our modern society and our personal values. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp that represents the legacy of a person you have studied during this unit. Include symbols that reflect their specific achievements or values.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Research a local Black historical figure from your own region. Create a short biography explaining how they have influenced your local community. Compare their impact with that of a global figure.