

Black History Month: Celebrating Pioneers and Change-Makers

Learning objective: To understand the contributions of significant Black individuals to British and world history and visually represent their impact.

Use this sheet to create a commemorative collage. You will be illustrating a historical scene that celebrates a person who made a significant contribution to society. Follow the steps below to build your historical narrative, using the word bank to add labels to your illustration.

Draw: Create an artistic collage depicting a historical figure of your choice. The style should be 'Historical Commemoration', using clear, clean lines. Include a central portrait of the figure, surrounded by symbols or small scenes representing their achievements (e.g., a pen for an author, a stethoscope for a medic, or a map for an explorer). Ensure the background includes a timeline or patterned border that reflects the era in which they lived.



Label words: Legacy · Inspiration · Pioneer · Change-maker · Heritage · Resilience · Contribution · Equality

Steps:

1. Identify one individual you have studied for Black History Month. Explain why their contribution to society was significant for future generations.
2. Compare and contrast the challenges faced by historical pioneers with the opportunities available in

modern society. Justify your answer.

3. Label your drawing with at least three terms from the word bank that best describe the legacy of the person you have illustrated.

4. What might happen to our understanding of the past if we only learned about the history of one group of people? Explain your reasoning.

5. If you were to design a monument for a Black historical figure, what symbol would you include to represent their impact? Describe it.

6. Justify why it is important for historians to uncover 'hidden' figures whose stories were previously overlooked in textbooks.