

Ellie's History Explorer: Black History Month Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and record the significant contributions of an influential Black historical figure, analysing their impact on society.

Choose a significant historical figure to research. Use your library or school resources to gather facts. Complete each section below to create a detailed record. Think critically about how this person changed the world and why their legacy remains important today.

Word bank: Legacy · Contribution · Advocate · Resilience · Inspiration · Significance · Pioneering · Equality · Impact

1. Name and Background: Identify your chosen figure and describe their early life. Where were they born and what was the society like during their youth? (2 marks)

2. Key Achievements: List the primary accomplishments of this individual. What specific actions did they take to challenge injustice or excel in their field? (3 marks)

3. Explain why: Ellie the Elephant wants to know why this person's actions were considered 'pioneering'. How did they change the status quo for others? (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How did the challenges faced by this individual compare to the opportunities available to others in that same time period? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do you believe this person is still relevant to our lives in the UK today? Provide evidence to support your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine this person had not taken their brave actions. How might history have unfolded differently in their specific area of influence? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a formal letter from the perspective of this historical figure to a leader of their time, outlining the changes they wished to see. Use ambitious vocabulary and persuasive language to justify your arguments for equality and progress.