

Trailblazers of History: A Portrait Study

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of individuals from Black history and present their legacy through creative illustration.

Choose a historical figure who has made a significant impact on society, science, or culture. Use your knowledge from our history lessons to create an informative and artistic tribute. Use the space on your paper to illustrate their portrait and the environment that tells the story of their achievements.

Draw: Create a detailed portrait in the centre of your page. Surround the figure with a 'timeline border' or 'achievement collage' that depicts the tools, books, or settings associated with their work. Use hatching and cross-hatching techniques to add texture to clothing and backgrounds. Ensure the figure is the focal point by using bold outlines, while the surrounding elements should be carefully labelled using the word bank.



Label words: Legacy · Inspiration · Innovation · Courage · Contribution · Resilience · Pioneer · Impact

Steps:

1. Identify the historical figure you have chosen and justify why their contribution is significant to British or global history.
2. Describe the key symbols or objects you have included in your drawing. How do these items represent the person's life work?

3. Compare and contrast the challenges this individual faced with the opportunities we have today. What might have been different if they hadn't persevered?
4. Label three important features in your drawing using the provided word bank to explain their relevance.
5. Explain why it is important for historians to study diverse perspectives when looking at the past.
6. If you could interview this person today, what specific question would you ask them about their motivation?