

Pioneering Figures in Black History: A Year 5 Flashcard Set

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of key individuals in Black history and understand their impact on society, science, and civil rights.

Use these cards with a partner. Read the front side aloud and try to recall the key details before checking the answer on the back.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A Jamaican-born nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' to care for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

What was the Windrush Generation?

People who arrived in the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A writer and abolitionist who had been enslaved; he campaigned tirelessly to end the transatlantic slave trade.

What does the term 'Abolitionist' mean?

A person who works to end a system or practice, specifically the movement to end slavery.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American activist whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement.

Who was Walter Tull?

One of the first Black professional footballers in Britain and a brave officer who led men into battle during the First World War.

What was the purpose of the Civil Rights Movement?

A struggle for social justice to ensure that Black people could gain equal rights under the law in the United States.

Who was Dr. Mae Jemison?

An engineer and physician who became the first Black woman to travel into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.

What is a 'Legacy'?

Something handed down from the past, such as the lasting impact or influence of a person's life and work on future generations.

Who was Harriet Tubman?

A courageous woman who escaped slavery and returned many times to help others escape through a secret network known as the Underground Railroad.

What was the significance of the 1948 arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush?

It marked the beginning of a major wave of migration from the Caribbean to Britain, significantly shaping modern British culture.

Who was Benjamin Banneker?

A self-taught mathematician and astronomer in the 18th century who helped survey the land for Washington D.C.