

Trailblazers of Change: Celebrating Black History

Step into the story of courage: Discover the pioneers who shaped our world!

- Olaudah Equiano was an influential author who used his autobiography to expose the horrors of the slave trade and campaign for its abolition in the UK.
- Walter Tull became one of Britain's first Black professional footballers and later served as a brave officer in the British Army during the First World War, despite facing significant prejudice.
- Claudia Jones was a visionary journalist who founded the West Indian Gazette and helped establish what would become the world-famous Notting Hill Carnival to celebrate Caribbean culture.
- Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, calculated the complex flight paths for early space missions, ensuring astronauts could travel to the Moon and return home safely.
- The Windrush generation refers to the thousands of people who arrived from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War, bringing new music, food, and culture to our cities.

Did you know? Did you know? Mary Seacole, a remarkable British-Jamaican nurse, travelled to the Crimean War at her own expense to set up the 'British Hotel'. She provided comfort, food, and medical care to wounded soldiers on the front lines, proving that compassion knows no borders.

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