

Historical Hero Fact-File: Celebrating Significant Black Figures

Learning objective: To research and analyse the life and contributions of a significant Black individual, considering their impact on history and their personal legacy.

Choose a significant Black historical figure to research. Use library books or approved school digital resources to complete this fact-file. Remember to use formal, historical vocabulary and justify your reasons for selecting this person as an influential figure.

Word bank: Legacy · Pioneer · Advocacy · Contribution · Resilience · Significant · Injustice · Impact · Triumph

1. Identify the historical figure you have chosen and describe their primary field of influence (e.g., science, politics, arts, or civil rights). (2 marks)

2. Summarise the key challenges this person faced during their lifetime. How did they demonstrate resilience in the face of these obstacles? (4 marks)

3. Explain why this person is considered a pioneer. What specific change or advancement did they bring about for society? (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast this figure's experience with the life of another historical figure you have studied. What are the key similarities and differences in their achievements? (6 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important for us to learn about this person's contributions in the modern day? (4 marks)

6. What might happen if this individual had never existed? Speculate on how their absence would have altered the course of history. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who has an incredible memory for history. Write a short, persuasive poem or a formal speech explaining why this person's story deserves to be preserved in the archives of history for future generations.