

Legacy Makers: A Black History Month Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and reflect on the contributions of significant Black individuals to British and global history, understanding their impact on society.

Use your research skills to complete this fact-file. Choose one historical figure who has made a positive contribution to our world. Use the word bank to help articulate the significance of their achievements. Ensure your answers demonstrate your understanding of how their actions shaped the world we live in today.

Word bank: Pioneer · Legacy · Resilience · Inspiration · Advocacy · Innovation · Courage · Significance · Contribution · Justice

1. Name and Biography: Who did you choose? Provide a brief summary of their life and the historical context in which they lived. (3 marks)

2. Key Achievements: What were their most significant contributions? Explain why these actions were revolutionary or important at that time. (4 marks)

3. Overcoming Adversity: Identify a challenge this person faced. Explain why their ability to persevere was essential to their success. (3 marks)

4. Comparing Impact: Compare this person's achievements to a modern-day challenge. How does their legacy continue to influence our society today? (4 marks)

5. Justify their Importance: If this person had not lived, how might history or our modern lives be different? Justify your answer with specific examples. (4 marks)

6. Reflective Inquiry: What personal qualities of this individual do you admire most, and how can you embody these traits in your own life to make a positive impact? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who has a remarkable memory for history. Write a short, poetic tribute to your chosen figure, highlighting their 'legacy' and why they should never be forgotten. Alternatively, design a commemorative stamp or statue that represents the core values this person stood for.