

Celebrating Pioneers: Black History Month

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures and reflect on the importance of equality and representation in our society.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge and PSHE understanding to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers. Refer to the word bank to help structure your sentences.

This worksheet focuses on your understanding of Black History Month. Rather than reading a summary, use your prior knowledge of historical figures who campaigned for civil rights, excelled in science, or made breakthroughs in the arts to answer the following questions. Think about how these individuals overcame barriers to shape the world we live in today.

Word bank: contribution · equality · injustice · pioneer · legacy · perseverance · representation · diversity

1. Define the term 'pioneer' in the context of Black History Month. Why is it important to celebrate individuals who were the first to achieve something in their field? (2 marks)

2. Explain why Ellie (our elephant friend who loves history) believes that learning about the struggles of the past is essential for building a fair future. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the impact of a historical figure who fought for civil rights with a figure who made a significant scientific discovery. How do both contribute to a better society? (4 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Does Black History Month remain relevant today, or should we only focus on history that happened in the last decade? Provide reasons for your view. (4 marks)

5. What might happen if we failed to include diverse perspectives and achievements in our history books? Consider the effect this might have on future generations. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp design honouring a Black historical figure of your choice. Include a symbol that represents their specific achievement or the legacy they left behind.



Extension challenge: Research a lesser-known figure who worked behind the scenes to support a major movement or invention. Write a short, persuasive speech (150 words) that Kit the fox could present to the class, explaining why this person deserves to be recognised as a hero.