

Celebrating Pioneers: Black History Month Writing Scaffold

Learning objective: To research and construct a biographical account of a significant figure from Black history, evaluating their impact on society and their legacy in the modern world.

Use this scaffold to organise your research. Ensure you focus on the individual's specific contributions, the challenges they overcame, and why their actions remain significant for us today.

Throughout history, remarkable individuals have challenged the status quo, and by examining their lives, we can better understand the progress made towards a more inclusive society.

Word bank: pioneering · resilience · consequently · nevertheless · significant · legacy · advocacy · overcome · furthermore · transformative

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and what is their primary claim to fame? Start by saying: 'A figure who has left an indelible mark on history is...' (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Challenges: What obstacles did this person encounter, and how did they demonstrate resilience? Explain why their early experiences were vital in shaping their future path... (3 marks)

3. Key Achievements: Describe the specific actions or inventions this person is known for. Justify why these achievements were considered revolutionary at the time... (3 marks)

4. Impact and Legacy: Compare the world before this person's contributions and how it changed because of them. Explain why their work is still relevant in the UK today... (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: What personal qualities did this individual possess that you find most admirable? Justify your choice by connecting these traits to their success... (2 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise their overall contribution to history. What might happen if this individual had not taken the actions they did?... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing this historical figure. Draft three sophisticated questions you would ask them to uncover the motivations behind their most difficult decision. Explain why these questions would provide deeper insight into their character.