Black History Month: Journeys of Impact

Learning objective: To evaluate the contributions of Black historical figures and understand the significance of Black History Month in shaping a diverse and inclusive society.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers are clear, thoughtful, and use appropriate historical terminology. Work independently.

Black History Month is an annual observance that provides an opportunity to acknowledge the significant contributions made by Black individuals throughout history. It is a time to highlight stories of resilience, leadership, and innovation that have often been overlooked. By exploring these narratives, we gain a deeper understanding of our shared past and the ongoing journey towards equality and social justice.

Word bank: Contribution · Inclusion · Perseverance · Legacy · Diversity · Advocacy · Equality · Heritage

1. Define the purpose of Black History Month. Why is it important that we continue to study these histories today? (2 marks)

2. Identify one historical figure who fought for civil rights. Explain how their actions challenged the societal norms of their time. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the impact of a Black scientist or inventor on modern daily life with the impact of a Black artist or writer. How have both contributed to our culture? (4 marks)

4. Explain why it is essential to include a diverse range of voices when learning about history. What might happen to our understanding of the world if we only focus on one perspective? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Does Black History Month remain relevant in a modern, multicultural classroom? Use at least two words from the word bank in your response. (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Write a persuasive letter to the headteacher proposing a new way for the school to celebrate the legacy of Black pioneers. Ensure you discuss how this initiative will promote long-term inclusion and respect within the student body. (9 marks)

Draw: Create a design for a mural that represents the theme of 'Building a Unified Future'. Include symbols that represent progress, unity, and the celebration of different heritages.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Research a local Black historical figure from your own region. Write a 200-word biography detailing their specific contribution to your local community and explain how their legacy still influences your town or city today.