

Black History Month: Heroes and Heritage

Learning objective: To understand the purpose of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of significant historical figures who have shaped British and global society.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge. Flip it over (look at the text after 'Answer:') to check your understanding of these important historical facts.

What is the primary purpose of Black History Month in the UK?

It is an annual event held in October to celebrate and recognise the contributions, achievements, and history of Black people in Britain and around the world.

Who was Mary Seacole and what is she famous for?

She was a British-Jamaican nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' behind the lines during the Crimean War to provide food, shelter, and medical care to wounded soldiers.

What does the term 'Legacy' mean in the context of history?

A legacy refers to the long-lasting impact, ideas, or achievements left behind by a person that continue to influence future generations.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

He was a writer and abolitionist who was enslaved as a child but later bought his freedom and wrote an autobiography that helped the British public understand the cruelty of the slave trade.

Why do we celebrate 'Inclusion' during Black History Month?

It highlights the importance of ensuring everyone, regardless of their background or race, is treated with respect and given equal opportunities to participate in society.

What is the significance of the Windrush generation?

They were the people who arrived in Britain from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971 to help rebuild the country after the Second World War, bringing their culture and skills.

How did Walter Tull contribute to British history?

He was one of the first Black professional footballers in England and later became the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

What is meant by the word 'Pioneer'?

A pioneer is someone who is the first to do something, or one of the first people to explore or settle a new area or field of study, paving the way for others to follow.

Why is it important to study history beyond just one month?

While Black History Month provides a special time to focus on these stories, learning about diverse perspectives throughout the year helps us build a more accurate and complete understanding of our shared history.

What is the concept of 'Equality' in a modern society?

Equality means that every person has the same rights, value, and opportunities, and that no one should be treated unfairly because of their race, gender, or background.