

Black History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers

Learning objective: To research and reflect on the significant contributions of Black historical figures to British and global society.

Choose a historical figure who has made a positive impact on the world. Use your research skills to fill in this fact-file. Think about how their actions have influenced the world we live in today. Ellie the Elephant says: 'Remember to check reliable sources and note down the dates!'

Word bank: contribution · perseverance · legacy · advocacy · innovation · historical impact · courage · achievement

1. Who is the person you have chosen, and in what field of work (e.g., science, politics, arts, sport) did they make their mark? (2 marks)

2. What were the main challenges or obstacles this person faced, and how did they overcome them? (3 marks)

3. Describe one specific achievement or action this person took that changed society for the better. (3 marks)

4. Why do you think it is important that we learn about this person's story during Black History Month? (2 marks)

5. If you could ask this person one question about their life or their work, what would it be and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a 'note of gratitude' addressed to your chosen historical figure, explaining how their legacy inspires you in your own life today.