Trailblazers of Change: Black Social Studies / History in Britain

Explore the past, celebrate the present, and shape the future!

■ **Mary Seacole was a pioneering nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to provide care and comfort to wounded soldiers, often using her own money and resources to set up the 'British Hotel'.**

■ **Olaudah Equiano was a writer and abolitionist who lived in Britain in the 18th century. His autobiography helped change public opinion by exposing the horrific realities of the transatlantic slave trade.**

■ **In 1948, the HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, carrying passengers from the Caribbean who were invited to help rebuild Britain's economy and public services after the war.**

■ **Claudia Jones was a courageous journalist and activist who founded the first major Black newspaper in Britain, 'The West Indian Gazette', and helped establish the Notting Hill Carnival to celebrate culture.**

■ **Walter Tull was a professional footballer and became one of the first Black officers in the British Army during the First World War, leading his men into battle with great distinction.**

Did you know? Did you know? During the Second World War, thousands of people from the Caribbean volunteered to serve in the British Armed Forces, showing incredible bravery and resilience in the fight for freedom across the globe.

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