Unsung Heroes: A Historical Perspective

Learning objective: To research and write a biographical account of a significant figure in Black history, identifying their impact on society.

Choose a person from Black history who has made a significant contribution to science, politics, literature, or human rights. Use the prompts below to structure your biography. Remember to use formal, historical language and chronological order.

Throughout history, there have been individuals whose courage and vision have fundamentally shaped the world we live in today.

Word bank: furthermore · subsequently · a pivotal moment · in light of · notwithstanding · consequently · a legacy of · instrumental in · overcoming adversity

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and what are they most famously known for? Start with: 'A truly remarkable figure in history is...' (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Challenges: Describe their background and the obstacles they faced. Start with: 'Born in..., they encountered significant challenges such as...' (3 marks)

3. The Turning Point: What specific action or event defined their career? Start with: 'A defining moment in their life occurred when...' (3 marks)

4. Impact on Society: How did their actions change the lives of others? Start with: 'Their contribution was instrumental because...' (3 marks)

5. Legacy: How do we remember them today? Start with: 'To this day, their legacy remains significant because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a second historical figure from a different country. Compare how their achievements influenced their respective societies using a Venn diagram.