Social Studies / History Heroes: Making a Difference

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and illustrate their contributions to society.

Use your knowledge of historical figures to create an illustrated portrait. Think about the person's achievements and the environment they worked in. Use the word bank to label your drawing.

Draw: Draw a portrait of a historical figure who inspires you. In the background, draw symbols that represent their work. For example, if they were a scientist, draw beakers or stars; if they were a civil rights leader, draw a podium or a crowd of people. Use bold colours to make your hero stand out. Ensure the style is clear and descriptive so someone else could identify the person just by looking at your drawing.

Label words: pioneer · achievement · courage · legacy · inspiration · change-maker

Steps:

1. Choose one person from history who made a positive change. Describe their main achievement in your own words.
2. Explain why it is important for us to remember these historical figures today.
3. Compare and contrast the challenges a pioneer in the past might have faced compared to someone making a change today.

4. Justify your answer: If you could invite one historical figure to visit our classroom, who would you choose and why?

5. What might happen if these individuals had never taken a stand or shared their talents?