

Black Social Studies / History Month: Celebrating Contributions

Learning objective: To research and write a biographical report about an inspirational Black historical figure, reflecting on their impact on society.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Choose an inspirational figure from history, research their achievements, and use the prompts below to draft your paragraphs.

Throughout history, there have been countless individuals whose courage, intellect, and creativity have changed the world for the better.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to · significant · trailblazer · overcoming obstacles · legacy · nevertheless · pioneering · extraordinary

1. Introduction: Who have you chosen to write about and why is this person considered a significant figure in history? Start with: I have chosen to research [Name] because... (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Background: Where and when did they grow up, and what challenges did they face? Start with: Born in [Place/Year], [Name] experienced a childhood where... (2 marks)

3. Major Achievements: What was their greatest contribution or discovery? Start with: One of the most significant achievements of [Name] was... (2 marks)

4. Overcoming Adversity: How did they show resilience in the face of inequality or difficulty? Start with: Despite the obstacles they encountered, [Name] demonstrated great strength by... (2 marks)

5. Legacy and Conclusion: Why does their story still matter today? Start with: The legacy of [Name] continues to inspire people today because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing your chosen historical figure. Write three thoughtful questions you would ask them to learn more about their motivations and feelings.