Black History Month: Journeys and Contributions

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures to British society and understand the purpose of Black History Month.

Use these flashcards to explore the achievements of notable individuals. Reflect on how these historical figures influenced modern equality and justice in the UK.

What is the primary purpose of Black History Month in the UK?

It is an annual event held in October to celebrate, recognise, and value the inspiring contributions of Black people to British history, culture, and society.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A Jamaican-Scottish nurse who travelled to the Crimea to set up the 'British Hotel', providing food and medical care for soldiers during the Crimean War.

Why is the term 'Legacy' important when studying history?

It refers to the long-lasting impact or influence that an individual's actions and achievements have on future generations.

Who was Walter Tull?

A professional footballer and one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

Define 'Resilience' in the context of civil rights movements.

The capacity to withstand or recover quickly from difficulties, often demonstrated by those who campaigned for equal rights despite systemic opposition.

How did Olaudah Equiano influence history?

He was a formerly enslaved man who wrote a powerful autobiography detailing his experiences, which became a vital tool for the British abolitionist movement.

What does the term 'Advocacy' mean?

Public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy, such as campaigning for fairer laws.

Who was Ignatius Sancho?

A writer, composer, and shopkeeper who was the first person of African descent known to have voted in a British general election.

What is the significance of the Windrush generation?

The group of people who arrived in the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971, significantly shaping modern British culture and the economy.

Explain the concept of 'Equality' in a diverse society.

Ensuring that every person has the same rights, opportunities, and status, regardless of their background, race, or heritage.