

Black History Month: Celebrating Contributions

Learning objective: To reflect on the importance of Black History Month and celebrate the significant contributions of Black individuals to society, science, and the arts.

Use this writing frame to help you structure a piece of persuasive or informative writing. You are writing to explain why celebrating Black History Month is essential for everyone, and to highlight a person or theme that inspires you.

Black History Month is an essential time for us to look beyond the pages of our standard history books and recognise the many brilliant individuals whose achievements have shaped our world.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · courageous · significant · pioneering · invaluable · nevertheless · perspective · legacy · triumph · advocacy · equitable

1. Introduction: Why is it important for us to dedicate a specific month to celebrating Black history? Start your paragraph with: 'Celebrating Black History Month is vital because...' (2 marks)

2. Focus Individual: Choose one historical or modern figure to focus on. What were their main achievements? Start your paragraph with: 'One truly inspirational figure is..., who is renowned for...' (2 marks)

3. Overcoming Challenges: What obstacles did this person face, and how did they show resilience? Start your paragraph with: 'Despite the barriers they encountered, they demonstrated great strength by...' (2 marks)

4. Impact on Today: How does their work affect our lives in the UK today? Start your paragraph with: 'The legacy of this individual is still evident today, as their contribution allows us to...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How can we ensure that these stories are remembered all year round? Start your paragraph with: 'In conclusion, we must ensure that these vital stories are not only celebrated in October, but throughout the year by...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a person who made a contribution to your local area or a specific field (such as science, literature, or music) and write a short biography to add to our class 'Wall of Inspiration'.