

Black History Month: Heroes and Pioneers Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of key figures in Black history, analyse their contributions, and articulate personal reflections on their legacy.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use full sentences for extended responses. Refer to your knowledge of historical figures who have made a significant impact on our world.

Throughout history, remarkable individuals have stood up for fairness and equality. Whether through science, civil rights, art, or exploration, these pioneers have shaped our modern world. In October, we celebrate Black History Month to recognise these achievements and learn from the stories of those who challenged the status quo to make society a better place for everyone.

Word bank: courage · pioneer · legacy · injustice · contribution · advocate · equality · determination

1. Define the term 'pioneer' in your own words. Why might we describe historical figures who fought for equality as pioneers? (2 marks)

2. Identify one historical figure you have studied who worked to change unfair laws. What was their main goal? (2 marks)

3. Explain why it is important for us to learn about Black history all year round, rather than just during the month of October. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the contributions of a scientist and a civil rights leader. How did their different roles help improve the world? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you could invite one historical figure to share their story with our class, who would you choose and why would their message be important for Year 3 pupils today? (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Write a short biography (100-150 words) about a Black historical figure who inspires you. Include their name, their biggest achievement, and describe the character traits they showed, such as bravery or persistence. (5 marks)

7. What might happen to our society if we forgot the stories of people who fought for human rights? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative stamp celebrating the life and achievements of a person you have studied. Include a symbol that represents their specific contribution (e.g., a book for an author, a star for a scientist).



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Think about the legacy of the person you wrote about in your biography. How can you carry on their work in your own school life today? Write a paragraph explaining one small action you could take to promote kindness and equality in your classroom.