

Black History Month: Celebrating Trailblazers

Learning objective: To research and record the significant contributions of a historical figure, demonstrating an understanding of their impact on society.

Choose a person from Black history who inspires you. Use your research skills to fill in this fact-file. Think carefully about the words you choose to describe their achievements and the challenges they overcame.

Word bank: contribution · perseverance · legacy · pioneer · injustice · courageous · achievement · impact · advocacy

1. Name and Background: Who is the person you have chosen, and what was their early life like? (2 marks)

2. Key Achievements: List the most important things they achieved. Why were these actions so significant for their time? (3 marks)

3. Overcoming Obstacles: Explain the challenges or barriers this person faced. How did they show resilience in the face of these difficulties? (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare this person's life to the world today. How might our lives be different if they had not made their contribution? (4 marks)

5. Legacy: Justify why it is important for us to remember this person's story today. What lessons can we learn from them? (3 marks)

6. Creative Reflection: If you could interview this person, what is one thoughtful question you would ask them to better understand their motivation? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the Elephant. Write a diary entry from her perspective reflecting on what she has learned about this historical figure and why their story is a valuable addition to her memory of world history.