Celebrating Remarkable Lives: A Black History Month Writing Frame

Learning objective: To research, organise, and write a non-chronological report about a significant historical figure who has made a positive impact on our world.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Think about the person's achievements, their personal qualities, and the legacy they have left behind for others. Remember to use formal language and clear subheadings.

Throughout history, there have been many inspirational individuals whose actions have shaped our society and paved the way for future generations.

Word bank: influential · courageous · remarkable · pioneering · furthermore · consequently · in addition to · notably · legacy · determined · championed · significant

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen, and why is it important that we celebrate their life today? Start by writing: I have chosen to research... (2 marks)

2. Early Life and Motivation: What were the key events or experiences that shaped this person’s character? Start by writing: During their early life, it was clear that... (2 marks)

3. Achievements and Impact: What specific goals did they reach, and how did they improve the world for other people? Start by writing: The most significant achievement of this individual was... (3 marks)

4. Personal Qualities: Which character traits (such as resilience or kindness) helped them to succeed? Explain why these were important. Start by writing: I believe that their success was primarily due to... (3 marks)

5. Legacy: How does this person continue to inspire people in the present day? Start by writing: Even today, their influence can be seen when... (2 marks)

6. Justification: Why do you think it is necessary to study the stories of diverse historical figures in our school curriculum? Start by writing: It is essential to learn about these stories because... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Compare and contrast two different figures you have learned about. Justify your answer by explaining whose contribution you find more inspiring and why. What might happen if their achievements had never occurred? Write a short paragraph proposing an alternative outcome.