History Heroes: Celebrating Black History

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and explain why their contributions are important to us today.

Use this writing frame to help you write a biography about a person who has made a difference. Think about what they achieved and why they are remembered. Remember to use capital letters for names and places.

Throughout history, many courageous people have worked hard to make the world a fairer and better place for everyone.

Word bank: courageous · determined · pioneer · significant · because · however · furthermore · in addition · as a result · inspiration

1. Who is the person you have chosen to write about and when did they live? Start with: My chosen historical figure is... (2 marks)

2. What was this person famous for achieving? Use the phrase: This person is well-known because... (2 marks)

3. Explain why this person had to show great courage or determination. Start with: A challenge they faced was... (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How is the world different today because of what this person did? Start with: In the past..., but today... (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do you think it is important for us to learn about this person during Black History Month? Start with: I believe it is important to celebrate their life because... (3 marks)

6. What might happen if this person had never stood up for what they believed in? Start with: If they had not taken action, I think... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing this historical figure. Write three thoughtful questions you would ask them to find out more about their journey and their feelings. Then, write one sentence explaining how their story inspires your own actions.