

Year 5 History Assessment: Black History Month

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of significant individuals and events in Black British history and their impact on society.

Answer all questions in the spaces provided. Use your knowledge of British history and ensure you write in full sentences. This assessment is out of 25 marks.

Ellie the elephant has been exploring the history of Britain. She has discovered that the stories of Black people are woven into the fabric of British history, from the Tudor courts to the modern day. Help Ellie complete her history report by answering the following questions.

Word bank: Windrush · Abolitionist · Pioneer · Integration · Contribution · Equality · Significance · Legacy

1. In which month is Black History Month celebrated in the United Kingdom? Name two Black British people from history that Ellie might have learned about. [3 marks] (3 marks)

2. Mary Seacole was a famous pioneer during the 19th century. Where was she born, and what are two specific ways she helped soldiers during the Crimean War? [3 marks] (3 marks)

3. The HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948. Explain why people from the Caribbean were invited to move to Britain at this time, and describe one way their arrival changed British culture. [4 marks] (4 marks)

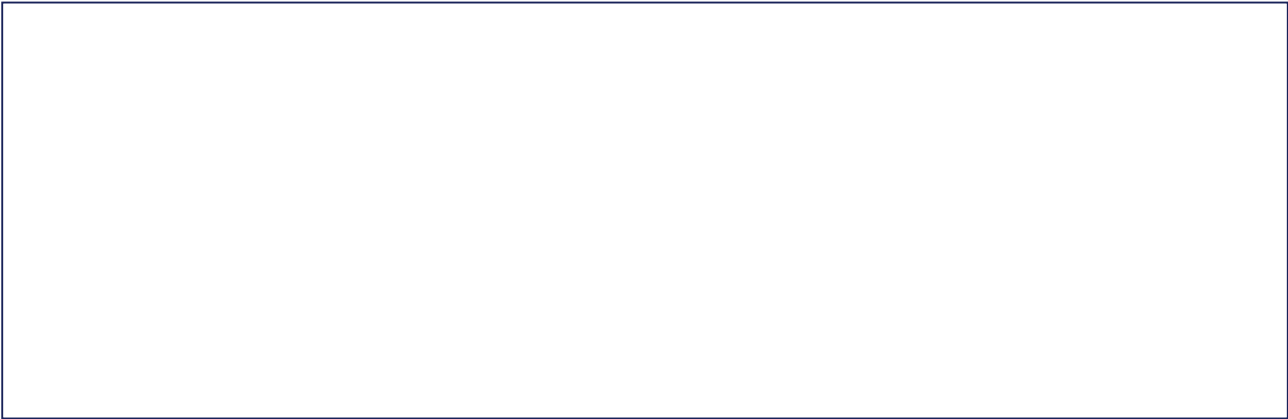
4. Walter Tull was a hero in both sport and the military. Describe his achievement in professional football and explain why his role as an officer in the British Army during World War I was so significant. [4 marks] (4 marks)

5. John Blanke lived during the Tudor period. What was his role in the royal court of King Henry VIII, and how do historians know about him today? [2 marks] (2 marks)

6. Olaudah Equiano was an influential abolitionist. Explain who he was and how his famous autobiography helped the campaign to end the slave trade. [4 marks] (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Ellie wants to know why it is important to celebrate Black History Month. Write a short response explaining how learning about these individuals helps us to have a more complete and accurate understanding of British history. [5 marks] (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative plaque or a museum display for one of the historical figures you have written about today. Include an object that represents their life.



Extension challenge: Total: /25