

Celebrating Black History Month: A Remarkable Life

Learning objective: To structure a biographical report about a significant person in Black history and explain their impact on society.

Use the prompts and sentence starters below to help you write your biographical report. Ellie the elephant, who loves history, suggests using the word bank to make your writing more descriptive and professional.

Every October, people across the United Kingdom celebrate Black History Month to recognise the incredible achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history.

Word bank: furthermore · significantly · as a result · courageous · determination · legacy · influential · contribution · overcame · inspire

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen to write about, and why are they famous? [Sentence starter: The person I have chosen to research is...]

2. Early Life: Where and when were they born, and what was their childhood like? [Sentence starter: This person was born in...]

3. Challenges Faced: What obstacles or unfair treatment did they face, and how did they show resilience? [Sentence starter: During their life, they had to overcome...]

4. Key Achievements: What were the most important things this person did to help others or change the world? [Sentence starter: One of their most significant achievements was...]

5. Impact Today: How do we remember this person today, and why is their story still important for us to hear? [Sentence starter: Today, their legacy continues because...]

6. Personal Reflection: What have you learned from this person's life that inspires you? [Sentence starter: After researching their life, I feel inspired by...]

Extension challenge: Design a commemorative plaque or a 'Did You Know?' fact box to go alongside your report, highlighting one surprising fact you discovered during your research.