

# Inspiring Figures in Black History

*Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and their contributions to society.*

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about these important people. Read the name on the front and try to recall their achievement before checking the answer.

**Who was Mary Seacole?**

A brave Jamaican nurse who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers and set up the 'British Hotel'.

**What is Rosa Parks known for?**

She is famous for her courage in refusing to give up her seat on a bus in America, which helped start the fight for equal rights.

**Who was Walter Tull?**

He was a professional footballer and became one of the first Black officers to lead white troops in the British Army during the First World War.

**Why is Benjamin Zephaniah remembered?**

He was a talented poet and author who used his writing to speak up for fairness and express his love for British culture.

**What did Mae Jemison achieve?**

She was the first Black woman to travel into space as an astronaut, showing that science and exploration are for everyone.

**Who was Olaudah Equiano?**

A writer who had been enslaved as a child; he wrote a famous book about his life that helped people understand why the slave trade was wrong.

**What is the importance of the Windrush generation?**

People who travelled from the Caribbean to the UK after the Second World War to help rebuild the country and work in essential jobs.

**Who was Diane Abbott?**

She made history in 1987 by becoming the first Black woman to be elected as a Member of Parliament in the UK.

**What did Nelson Mandela fight for?**

He spent his life fighting against unfair laws in South Africa called apartheid to ensure everyone was treated equally regardless of their skin colour.

**How did Ellie the elephant learn about history?**

Ellie uses her excellent memory to remember the stories of these pioneers so that their contributions are never forgotten.