Celebrating Pioneers: My Black History Month Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and reflect on the significant contributions of individuals from Black history, understanding how their achievements have shaped our world.

Choose a historical figure who has made a positive impact on society. Use library books or teacher-approved resources to research their life. Complete each section of this fact-file to create a profile of their achievements. Think carefully about why their actions were brave or important.

Word bank: Pioneer · Legacy · Inspiration · Contribution · Advocate · Courage · Determination · Impact · Change · Achievement

1. Name of the Pioneer: Who are you researching and what is one sentence that summarises their main achievement? (2 marks)

2. The Timeline: List three important events in this person's life. Why were these moments significant for their journey? (3 marks)

3. Overcoming Challenges: Explain why this person faced difficulties and describe the specific qualities they used to overcome them. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare this person's contribution to someone else you have learned about. How are their impacts on the world similar or different? (4 marks)

5. Justify Your Answer: Why do you believe this person is still remembered and celebrated today? Provide evidence for your opinion. (3 marks)

6. Reflective Thought: If you could ask this person one question about their experience, what would it be and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in the time this person lived. Write a short newspaper headline and the first paragraph of an article announcing their greatest achievement to the world. What might happen if this person had not taken the actions they did? Write a creative response explaining how the world might be different today.