

Celebrating Remarkable Lives: A PSHE Writing Frame

Learning objective: To recognize the importance of Black History Month and celebrate the significant contributions of inspirational individuals to our society.

Use this scaffold to help you write a reflective piece about an inspirational person you have studied during Black History Month. Think carefully about their character, their achievements, and why their story matters today.

Black History Month is a vital time for us to pause, reflect, and celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Black individuals throughout history who have helped shape the world we live in today.

Word bank: courageous · pioneering · determination · legacy · furthermore · consequently · nevertheless · advocate · resilience · in addition · significant impact

1. Introduction: Who is the person you have chosen to write about, and what is one word you would use to describe their character? Start by saying: 'The inspirational person I have chosen to research is...' (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Describe the obstacles or difficulties this person faced during their lifetime. Explain why it was brave of them to continue despite these challenges. Start by saying: 'During their life, they faced the challenge of...' (3 marks)

3. The Contribution: What did this person achieve, and how did they change things for other people? Justify why their work is still important today. Start by saying: 'Their greatest achievement was... This is significant because...' (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: How does learning about this person make you feel, and what quality of theirs would you like to develop in yourself? Start by saying: 'Learning about this individual makes me feel... I would like to show more...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why it is important for everyone to learn about Black history all year round, not just in October. Start by saying: 'In conclusion, I believe that learning about these stories is essential because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Imagine you are interviewing the person you researched. Write three insightful questions you would ask them to understand more about their motivations. Then, write a short paragraph explaining what might have happened if they had decided to give up when faced with their biggest challenge. Justify your answer using evidence from their life story.