

Black History Month: Celebrating Legacy and Change

Learning objective: To research and reflect on the contributions of significant Black individuals to British and global society, considering the impact of their achievements on our world today.

Choose a prominent historical or contemporary figure from Black history. Use your library or school resources to research their life. Fill in the sections below to create a comprehensive profile. Use your best vocabulary to explain not just what they did, but why their actions were significant for future generations.

Word bank: Legacy · Inspiration · Advocacy · Innovation · Resilience · Contribution · Pioneer · Perspective · Systemic · Equality

1. Biographical Context: Who is the person you have chosen, and what are they most famously known for? Summarise their background and key achievements. (3 marks)

2. Overcoming Adversity: Explain the challenges or barriers this individual faced during their lifetime. How did they demonstrate resilience in the face of these obstacles? (4 marks)

3. Impact and Influence: Justify why this person's work is still relevant in the present day. How has their contribution shaped modern society? (4 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare this figure's approach to creating change with another historical figure you have studied. What were the similarities and differences in their methods? (5 marks)

5. Critical Reflection: If this individual were alive today, what modern-day issue do you think they would be most passionate about solving, and why? (4 marks)

6. Future Vision: What might happen if this individual had not succeeded in their efforts? Describe the potential impact on society today. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a persuasive speech as if you were this person addressing a group of Grade 5 students. Encourage them to be 'change-makers' in their own communities. Use at least four words from the word bank in your speech.