

Black History Month

Resource Pack

Influential people from around the world

Before you start your research project, you might want to think about different people from all around the world that are influential and why.

Here is a short list of people to start you thinking, but you can also choose your own person.

Mary Seacole (UK)

A British-Jamaican nurse who provided care for soldiers during the Crimean War. She is celebrated for her pioneering role in nursing.

Kwame Nkrumah (Ghana)

The first President and Prime Minister of Ghana, who led Ghana to independence from British colonial rule. He was a key figure in the Pan-African movement.

Bussa (Barbados)

An enslaved African who led the largest slave rebellion in Barbadian history in 1816. He is a national hero in Barbados, symbolizing the fight for freedom.

Walter Tull (UK)

One of the first Black British footballers and the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers in combat during World War I.

Desmond Tutu (South Africa)

A South African Anglican bishop and social rights activist who gained international fame as an opponent of apartheid. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

Paul Stephenson (UK)

A British civil rights activist who played a significant role in the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963, which was a critical moment in the struggle against racial discrimination in the UK.

Jean-Léonard Touadi (Italy/Congo)

Born in the Republic of Congo, Jean-Léonard Touadi is an Italian journalist, author, and politician. He became the first Black person to be elected to the Italian Parliament in 2008.

Malcolm X (USA)

Malcolm X's advocacy for Black empowerment and his critiques of racism had a profound impact worldwide.

Name:

Date:

Choose 7 influential figures for Black History Month. Use the timeline to explain their place in history.

The timeline consists of seven chevron-shaped boxes arranged horizontally. Above the timeline are three large rectangular boxes, and below are four. Vertical lines connect the top boxes to the second, fourth, and sixth chevron boxes. Vertical lines also connect the bottom boxes to the first, third, fifth, and seventh chevron boxes. All boxes have dotted borders for writing.

Name:

Date:

Influential Figures

Choose an influential figure for each category and explain why they are famous.

Literature

Sports

Musicians

Artists

Black History Month: A time to Reflect and Celebrate

Black History Month is celebrated in February in the United States, Canada, and Germany and in October in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Netherlands. It is a time dedicated to honouring and celebrating the achievements, history, and cultural richness of people of African descent worldwide. This commemoration was started in the United States by historian Carter G. Woodson who wanted to recognise and share the contributions of Black people living there. Over time, the observance has expanded globally, providing more opportunities to reflect on both the obstacles and struggles and the triumphs and achievements of Black communities around the world.

Black History Month offers an opportunity to remember pivotal figures and events that have shaped, not only individual nations, but also the global community. From the resistance against colonialism and slavery in Africa and the Caribbean to the civil rights movements in the United States and the UK, and from artistic, sporting, and literary achievements to breakthroughs in science, technology, and politics, Black History Month covers a wide range of topics and themes.

Throughout the month, events, such as lectures, exhibitions, and performances, are organised to educate the public about the influential roles played by people of African descent. It's a time when the stories of leaders like Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Wangari Maathai, and many others are highlighted to inspire and educate. These stories are not just about the fight against oppression but also about the significant contributions that have enriched global culture and history.

Moreover, Black History Month serves as a crucial moment to discuss ongoing challenges facing Black communities around the world, including the fight for racial justice, equality, and the dismantling of systemic racism. It is a reminder that while significant progress has been made, there is still work to be done in achieving equal rights for all.

Questions

1. What is Black History Month?
2. Where is Black History Month celebrated?
3. In which month is Black History Month celebrated in the UK, Ireland and Netherlands?
4. Who originally established Black History Month?
5. What are some significant historical events or milestones often recognised during Black History Month?
6. Name three notable Black American figures celebrated in this month.

7. Name three notable Black UK figures celebrated in this month.

8. Name three notable Black figures from outside the USA and UK celebrated in this month.

9. Why is it important to learn about Black Culture and history?

10. What key themes are emphasised during Black History Month?

11. How do schools and colleges participate in Black History Month?

12. Who was Rosa Parks, and what was she known for?

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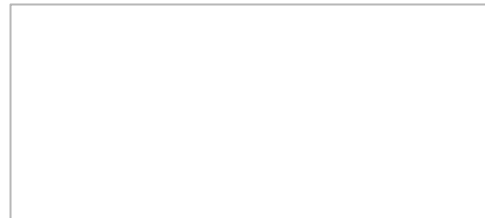
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13. Who was Mary Seacole, and what was she known for?

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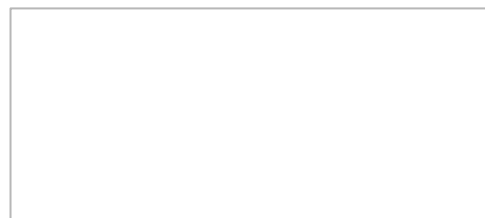
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14 Who was Nelson Mandela, and what was he known for?

Add the flag from the country

Nelson Mandela was from.



15. Describe some ways that communities celebrate Black History Month.

16. Why is it important to continue to learn about Black History Month after the month has finished?

17. How does Black History Month contribute to the understanding of Inclusion and Diversity?

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King Jr., born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, grew up in a time when segregation and discrimination against Black Americans were common in many parts of the United States. Despite these challenges, King was a brilliant student and earned a doctorate in theology from Boston University.

King became a minister like his father, but his journey led him far beyond the walls of his church. He became a central figure in the Civil Rights Movement, advocating for equality and justice through nonviolent protest. The teachings of Mahatma Gandhi inspired his belief in peaceful resistance.

One of King's first major roles in the movement was as a spokesperson and leader of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955. This year-long protest began after Rosa Parks, a Black American woman, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white person on a segregated bus. The boycott was successful, leading to a Supreme Court ruling that segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

King's efforts gained national attention, and he continued to lead peaceful protests and marches. In 1963, he helped organise the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. In front of the Lincoln Memorial, King delivered his most famous speech, "I Have a Dream." This speech became a defining moment of the Civil Rights Movement and is remembered for its powerful vision of a future where people would not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

King's activism and leadership led to significant changes in American laws and society. His work played a crucial role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination based on race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which protected voting rights.

Tragically, Martin Luther King Jr.'s life was cut short when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite his untimely death, King's legacy continues to inspire people around the world in the fight for equality and justice.

Questions

1. What date was Martin Luther King Jr. born?
2. Where was Martin Luther King Jr. born?
3. What type of discrimination was common in the USA during King's early life?
4. What academic degree did King earn and from which University?
5. Which profession did King and his father both follow?
6. Which movement did King become a central figure in?
7. Who inspired King's belief in nonviolent protest?

8. What was one of King's first major roles in the civil rights movement?

9. What incident sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

10. What was the outcome of the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

11. In which year did King help to organise the march on Washington?

12. Where did King deliver his "I have a Dream" speech?

13. What was the central message of the "I have a Dream" speech?

14. What major legislative act did King's work help pass in 1964?

15. What did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlaw?

16. Which Act, passed in 1965, was influenced by King's activism?

17. What did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 ban?

18. When and where was King assassinated?

19. How has King's legacy continued after his death?

20. What was King's stance on the method of protest?

Paragraph #1 - Introductions:

Introduce the individual and provide a brief overview of their life and background.

Paragraph #2 - Four facts about life and background:

Present the four key facts about the individual's life and background. Elaborate on each fact, providing additional details and context.

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Paragraph #3 - Timeline of Notable Events:

Create a chronological overview of the individual's life by highlighting notable events.

Paragraph #4 - Influences on life and work:

Identify key figures, experiences, or events that shaped their perspectives and contributions.

Paragraph #5 - Legacy

Reflect on the lasting impact and legacy of the individual.


Paragraph #6 - Conclusion:

Summarise the key points discussed in the essay. End with a thought-provoking statement or a final quote to leave a lasting impression.


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Martin Luther King Jr.

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Use the Media Tool  to insert an image relevant to your chosen person.

Use the Media Tool  to insert a YouTube video relevant to your person.

Use the Text Tool  to provide four facts about their life and background.

Why do we celebrate them? Why are they considered to be influential?

Famous Quotes:

Why did you choose to research this person?

Create a timeline of notable events


Who or what influenced this person in their life and work?

What is their legacy? How are they remembered or thought of today?


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Rosa Parks

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Nelson Mandela

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Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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Maya Angelou

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Desmond Tutu

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