

BLACK HISTORY MONTH (UK) – IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore Black history, culture and contributions to society. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About Black History Month (UK)

- Celebrated every October in the United Kingdom
- Recognises the achievements, contributions and history of Black individuals and communities
- Provides an opportunity to explore important historical events and figures that are often underrepresented in traditional curricula
- Encourages discussion about equality, representation and social change
- Helps students understand the role diversity plays in shaping society

Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Introduce the month through an assembly exploring the importance of representation in history
- Highlight influential Black figures in science, politics, literature, sport and the arts
- Create a whole school display celebrating Black history and achievements
- Share short biographies of important historical figures
- Discuss how diversity strengthens communities and cultures
- Reflect on how historical narratives are constructed and whose voices are represented
- Explore the importance of equality and fairness in society
- Link the topic to discussions about citizenship and identity

Primary Ideas

- Create posters celebrating influential Black individuals
- Draw portraits of historical figures and write short fact sentences about them
- Read stories that highlight diverse characters and experiences
- Create simple fact cards about important historical figures
- Discuss the importance of fairness and respect in communities
- Design classroom displays celebrating diversity
- Write short paragraphs about someone who has made a positive impact
- Explore music, art and cultural traditions

Secondary Ideas

- Research influential figures such as Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela or Rosa Parks
- Analyse historical events linked to civil rights and equality movements
- Debate the importance of representation in history education
- Investigate how social movements have influenced change
- Analyse speeches or writing connected to equality movements
- Create presentations exploring contributions of Black scientists, artists or leaders
- Explore the role of media and education in shaping historical narratives
- Reflect on how societies continue to address inequality

Cross Curricular Links

- History, civil rights movements and social change
- English, biography writing and speech analysis
- Citizenship, equality, representation and social responsibility
- Art, portrait work and cultural expression
- Sociology, identity and diversity