



# Black History in the Curriculum

## KS1 - Celebrating Famous Black British People



### Famous People

You've probably heard of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole....

(Find out more about them here:)



...but have you heard of these inspiring black British people?



Black Britons who paved the way....



Click on these BBC Newsround videos & articles

Great women you should know about....



Men who made history in Britain....



### Amazing Authors

Mary Prince

Author and Abolitionist

Circa 1788 - Circa 1833

Mary was born into slavery, she eventually escaped and wrote her autobiography. This was the first book telling the life of a black woman to be published in Britain. She paved the way for black authors of the future.



Can you find out more about these current black British authors?

Have you read any of their books or poems?



Malorie Blackman

Nathan Byron

Hannah Lee

Benjamin Zephaniah

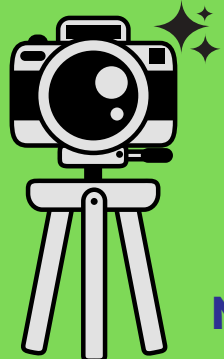


(Find more information on the Authors page included in this pack)

### Stars of Screen & Print

Sir Trevor McDonald  
TV Reporter/ Journalist

He was the first black male journalist on British TV. He received a knighthood from the queen for his services to journalism.



Naomi Campbell  
Supermodel

First black woman to appear on the cover of French and British Vogue magazine. Naomi speaks out against racism in fashion.



Baroness Floella Benjamin is a Trinidadian-British actress, author, television presenter, singer, businesswoman and politician.

Floella talks about her life:



Steve McQueen

First black filmmaker to win the Academy Award (Oscar) for Best Picture Film 12 Years a Slave. (See books below to find out more about slavery)

### Sporting Greats

Can you find out about these people in our Sporting Hall of Fame?



Ade Adepitan  
Wheelchair Basketball Player & Television Presenter



Anne Wafula-Strike  
Paralympic Wheelchair Racer



Lewis Hamilton  
Formula One Racing Driver



Mo Farah  
Athlete



Nicola Adams  
Boxer  
(Watch out for her on Strictly Come Dancing)



Find out about the first, black British international footballer here:



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Click on pictures to hear their music.

## Musical Marvels



**Samuel Coleridge-Taylor**  
Composer

Samuel lived between 1875 and 1912. He went to the Royal College of Music in London. Despite the many injustices he faced, he was invited to play in the White House by President Roosevelt. Samuel paved the way for future black classical artists.



**Dr Shirley Thompson OBE**  
Composer

First woman in Europe to compose and conduct a Symphony in the last 40 years. Named one of the 'Most Inspirational Black British Women' by Metro newspaper.



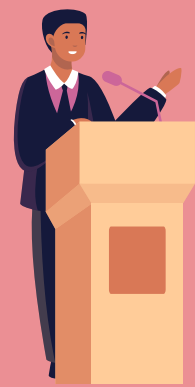
**Dame Shirley Bassey**  
Singer

As a child, Shirley's family experienced extreme poverty. Shirley recorded the title track to a James Bond film in 1964.



**Olive Morris**

Olive Morris lived at a time when black people didn't have the same rights as other people. She campaigned for civil rights in London and Manchester.



## Civil Rights and Politics



**Olaudah Equiano**

Olaudah wrote one of the earliest books about slavery. He was a slave, but managed to buy his freedom. He then became involved in the movement to abolish slavery.

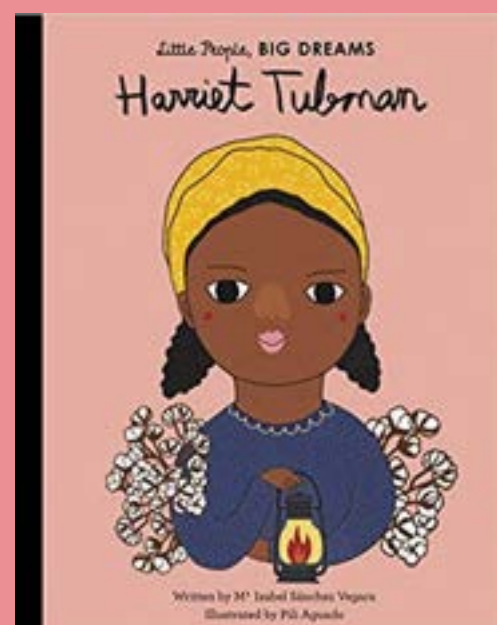
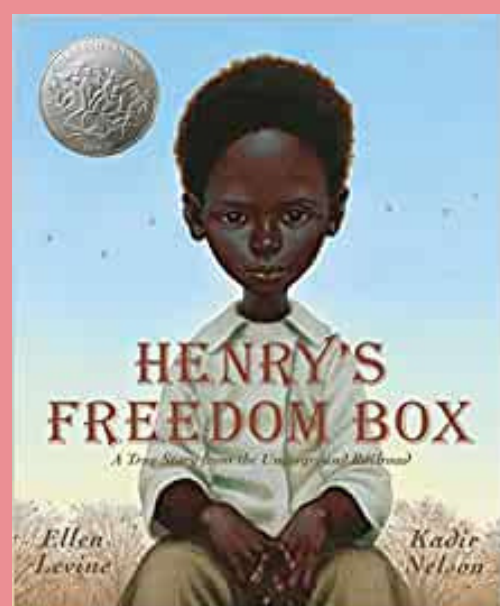


**Diane Abbott**

First black woman elected to Parliament. Diane fights for human rights and civil liberties.

Can you right a letter to Diane Abbott explaining how you would like to be treated by other children and adults?

Find out about slavery and why the civil rights movement was important.



## Useful Website Links

Current Positive Black Role Models

<http://www.majoritynotminority.co.uk/current-positive-black-role-models.html>

<https://www.badgerlearning.co.uk/famous-figures-posters.html>

Find out more about Malorie Blackman and her books

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Malorie-Blackman/604884>

<https://www.malorieblackman.co.uk/category/books/>

Find out more about Mo Farah

<https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/Mo-Farah/601122>

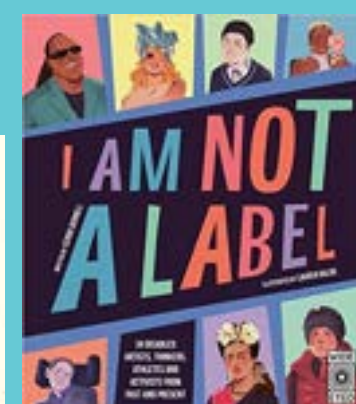
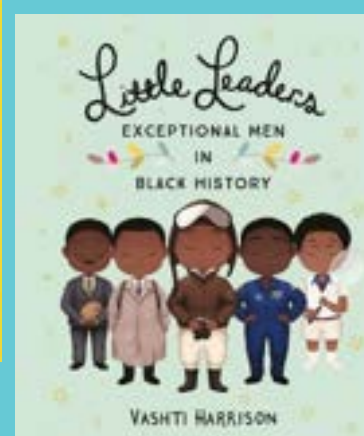
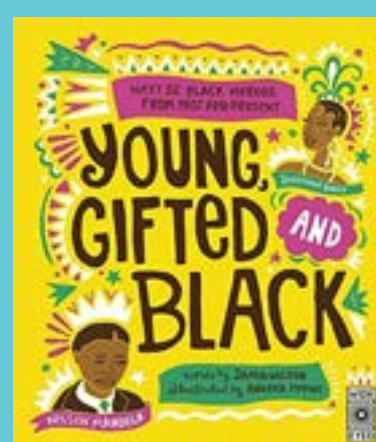
All these people had a Growth Mindset. They decided what they wanted and set goals to achieve it.

Use some of these activities to think about your future and set yourself some goals.



There are so many more people we could have included. Find out more in these books.

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