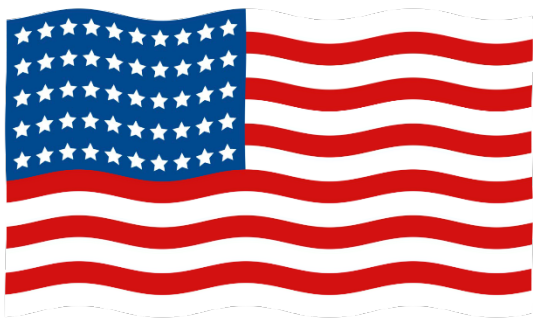
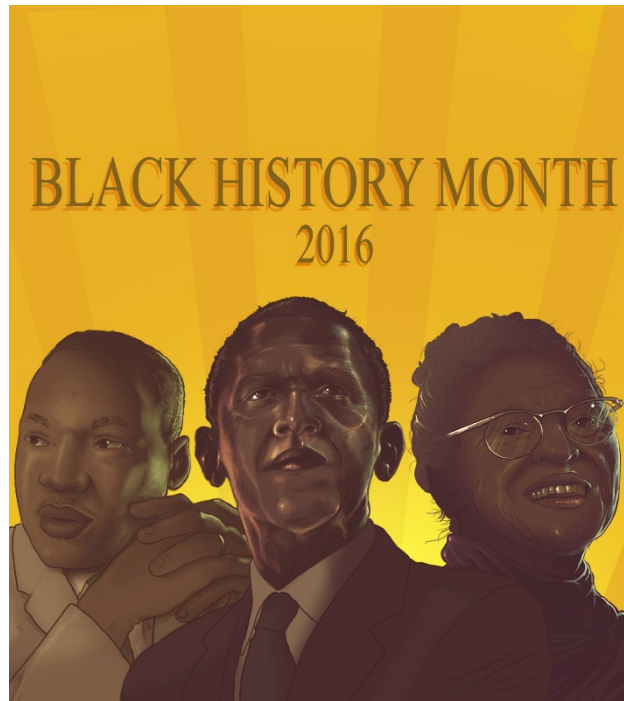


What is Black History Month?

During October, we **celebrate** Black History Month. We remember the **importance** of the African-Caribbean **community's** **history** and the **difference** certain people and **events** have made.



Black History Month was first celebrated in America to **honour** the **achievements** of black Americans.

In 1987 (nearly 30 years ago), Black History Month was **introduced** in the United Kingdom and is now celebrated across the country every year.



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What is Black History? – Y1s/Y2e (Turquoise) – Text

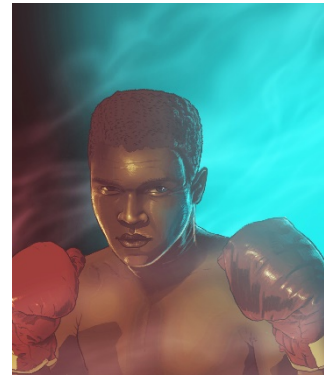
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So which black people do we celebrate? What makes them famous?



Michael Jackson was an American singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer and actor. He was also called the 'King of Pop' and is remembered for his music and dancing. His songs and **beliefs** made him **famous** for over four decades.

Muhammad Ali was a famous boxer. He was a good **role-model** because he did what he thought was right. He also **refused** to join the American Army, even when his boxing medals



were taken from him. Ali was able to win his championship status back and many people think he is the greatest boxer of all time.



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Nelson Mandela was a black man who stood up for the **equal rights** of everyone, not based on the colour of their skin. In 1964, he was **sentenced to life imprisonment** because of his

beliefs. 26 years later, he was **released** from prison and **eventually** became the first black South African **President** in



1994. How inspiring he is for never giving up!

It is important to remember events that have happened in the past so that we can make the world a better place. By celebrating these people during Black History Month, we are making sure that no-one is treated differently because of the colour of their skin.

What is Black History Month? – Follow-Up Work

Where was Black History Month first celebrated?

What year was it first celebrated in in the United Kingdom?

Why do we have Black History Month?

Who do we celebrate during Black History Month?

What type of text is this?

How do you know?

How many people does it tell you about in the text?

Who are they?

What was Nelson Mandela's belief?

Do you know of any other black people who may have helped to change the world's view?

What is Black History Month? – Vocab 1

Match the words to the correct definitions inside each box.

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What is Black History Month? – Vocab 2

Write a sentence for each of the words below.

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community

history

famous

role-model

released

What is Black History Month? – SPAG 1

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What is Black History Month? – SPAG 2

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Complete this table to show different verbs and their endings.

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	calling	
box		boxed
happen	happening	

Sentences

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but

and

so

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What is Black History Month? – Teacher Questions

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What year was it first celebrated in in the United Kingdom? **1987**

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Who do we celebrate during Black History Month? **People who have made a difference to the African-Caribbean community.**

What type of text is this? **Information/non-fiction**

How do you know? **Set out in sections with facts and pictures**

How many people does it tell you about in the text? **Three**

Who are they? **Michal Jackson, Mohammed Ali and Nelson Mandela**

What was Nelson Mandela’s belief? **That everyone should be treated the same no matter what your skin colour is.**

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