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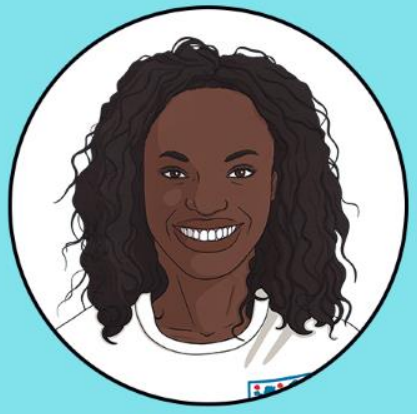



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Key Vocabulary

significant individual

An important person who has made their mark in history.



perseverance

Continuing to do something with effort, even though you might find it difficult or face failure.



Windrush

HMT Empire Windrush was the name of the ship that, from 1948, brought approximately 492 passengers over to Britain from the Caribbean islands.



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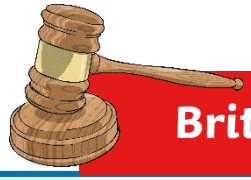
economy



The state of a country in terms of the production and supply of money.



British Civil Rights Movement

The Black British power movement, where Black people began to be recognised more fairly and it became illegal to discriminate because of race.

discrimination

Treating someone differently because of, for example, their ethnicity/age/gender.



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Black British History

Black British history is an important part of British history.

There are many Black people who have been living in Britain for a long time and have achieved great things. Many people moved to England and worked in a wide variety of important jobs.

Talk to your partner: What kinds of important jobs do you think they might have done?



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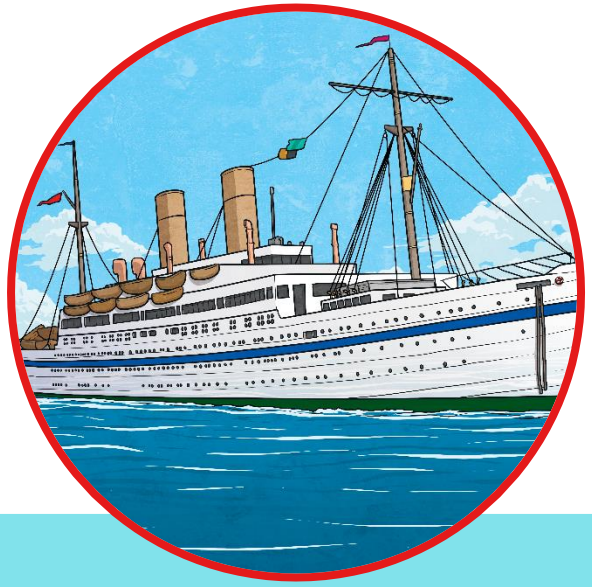
The Windrush Generation

After Second World War, many people from various Caribbean countries left their homes and came to Britain in order to help rebuild the country and the economy.

They travelled on a huge ship called HMT Empire Windrush. Hence why they are known as the Windrush Generation. These people, along with their growing families, made a huge impact on enriching British society. They made contributions in areas such as music, politics, sports and more.



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The Windrush Generation

The Windrush Generation are also connected to the start of the NHS (National Health Service), as many people who travelled on Windrush ships worked as nurses or in other roles. The NHS remains highly relevant to us today in our everyday lives.

Did You Know...?

A new commemorative 50 pence coin marking the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush in the UK has been released by the Royal Mint.



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The Windrush Generation

Here are some people living in the UK today whose families were part of the Windrush Generation.

Do you recognise any faces or know of any of their achievements?



Malorie Blackman
British writer for children's books and television.



Lenny Henry
British comedian, actor and writer.



Raheem Sterling
Professional British men's football player.

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The British Civil Rights Movement

During the second half of the 20th century, many people in Britain worked together to make positive changes, fighting for equal rights with the aim to end **discrimination**.

People marched and protested to get their voice heard and their efforts led to laws that made it illegal to discriminate against people because of the colour of their skin.



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The British Civil Rights Movement

With many people's efforts, things really did begin to change. In 1965, UK parliament passed a very important law called the 'Race Relations Act'. This was a law where people were banned from treating others unfairly because of their race or ethnicity.

It is because of the British Civil Rights Movement and the efforts of British people during this time, that we enjoy the freedom and equality we have today.



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The British Civil Rights Movement

How do you think people felt if they couldn't do certain jobs because of the colour of their skin?



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Quiz

Click **True** or **False** to reveal the answer.

True **False**

After Second World War, many people from various Caribbean countries left their homes and came to Britain in order to help rebuild the country.

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Quiz

Click **True** or **False** to reveal the answer.

True **False**

In 1921, UK parliament passed a very important law called the 'Race Relations Act'. This was a law meant it became illegal to treat others unfairly because of their race or ethnicity.

This is false. The 'Race Relations Act' was passed by UK parliament in 1965, not 1921.

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Significant Individuals

There are a lot of people who made significant contributions to British society in various fields. Do you recognise these people?

Mary Seacole (1805 - 1881)



Mary Seacole was a Jamaican/British nurse who saved many lives during the Crimean War.

Bishop Wilfred Wood (1936 - present)



Born in Barbados, Wilfred Wood was the bishop in the Church of England for 18 years.

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Significant Individuals

Here are just three of the many people who have made significant contributions to Britain. We'll learn a bit more about them now.

Pablo Fanque



The greatest Victorian showman.

Eniola Aluko



Fantastic British women's footballer

Lord Learie Constantine



Legendary cricket player and equal rights believer.

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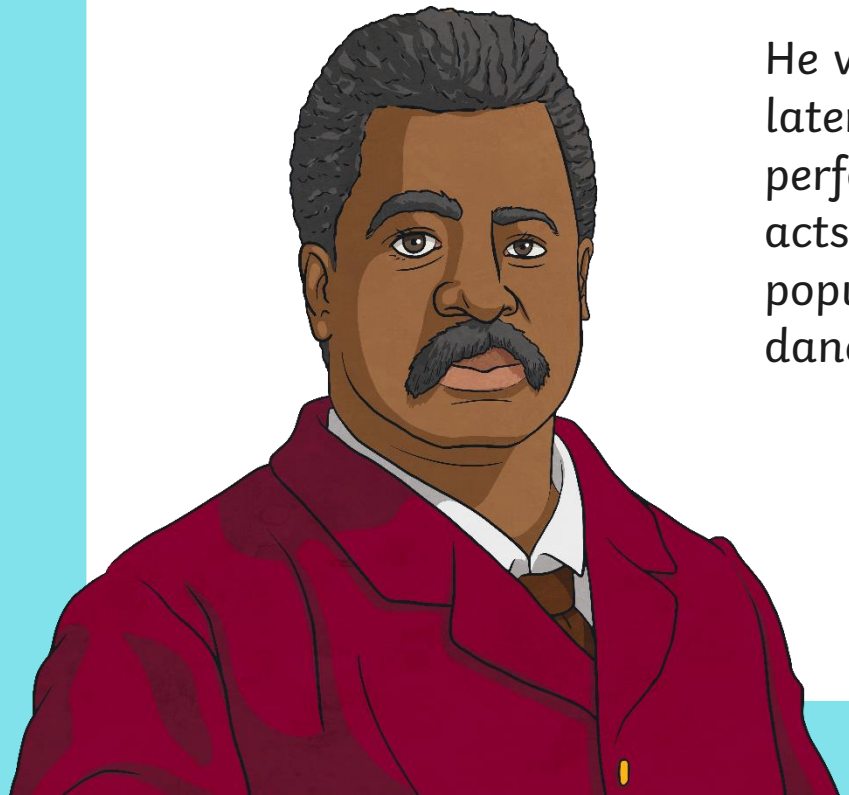
Pablo Fanque (1810 - 1871)

Pablo Fanque, originally named William Derby, was born in Norwich in 1810. At only ten years of age, he became part of the circus world. Pablo trained as an acrobat and tightrope walker.



He was an inspirational performer who later became a talented **equestrian**, performing adventurous stunts. His circus acts mixed many of his skills but the most popular was how he trained horses to dance in time with music.

equestrian - A rider or performer on horseback.

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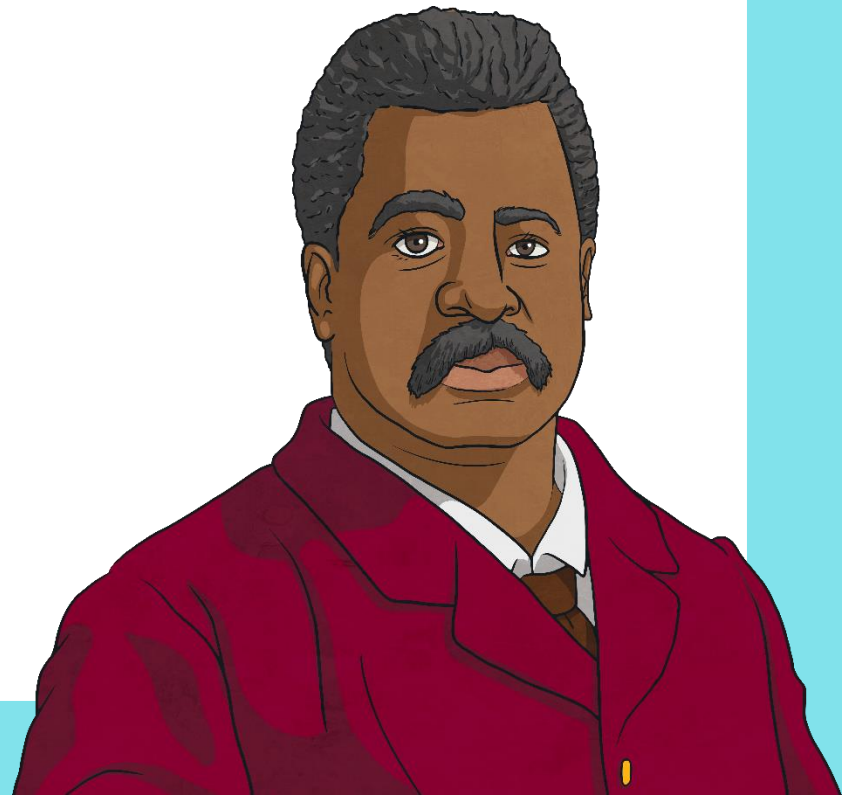
Pablo Fanque (1810 - 1871)

Pablo was known to be playful with his words, particularly in his advertising. He gained a lot of attention and eventually became one of the most popular Black British circus performers.

Did You Know...?

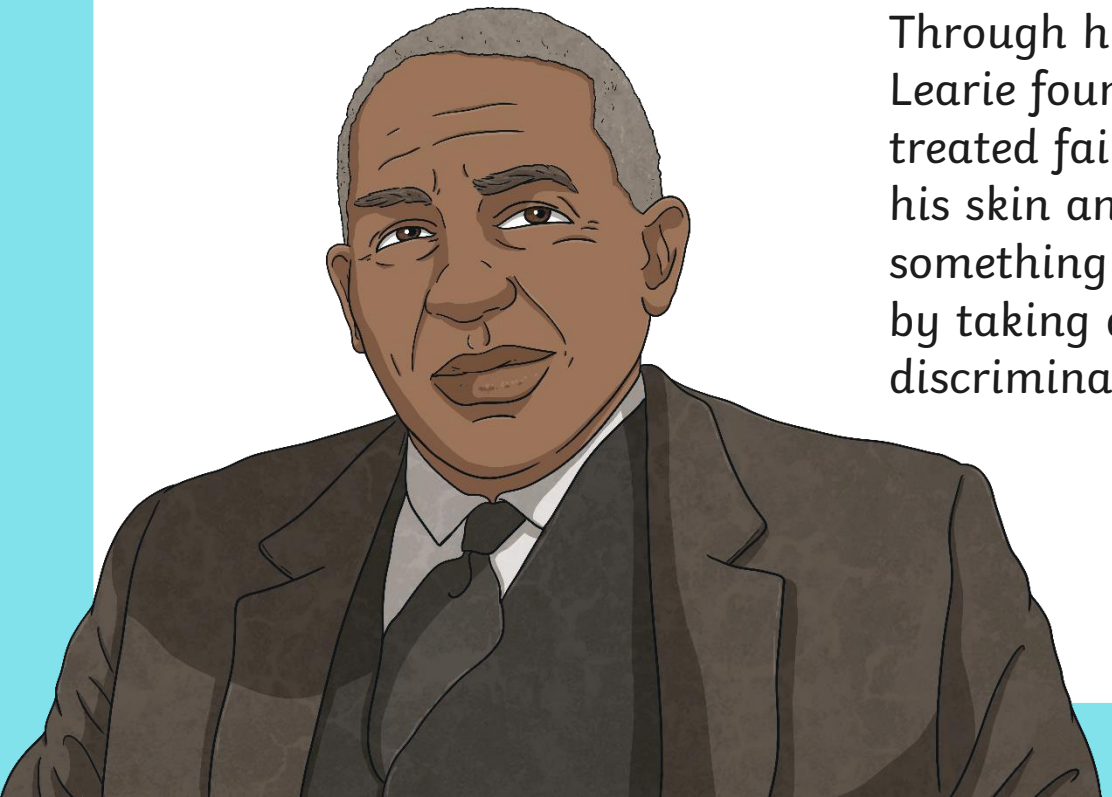
Pablo Fanque was the inspiration behind the hit song 'Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite' by The Beatles.





Lord Learie Constantine (1901 - 1971)

Learie Constantine was born in Trinidad in 1901. Following his father's footsteps, he loved playing cricket and became famous for winning games and important awards in both Trinidad and England.



Through his work trips to England, Learie found that he wasn't always treated fairly because of the colour of his skin and knew he had to do something about it. He proved himself by taking a top hotel to court for discrimination and winning!

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Lord Learie Constantine (1901 - 1971)

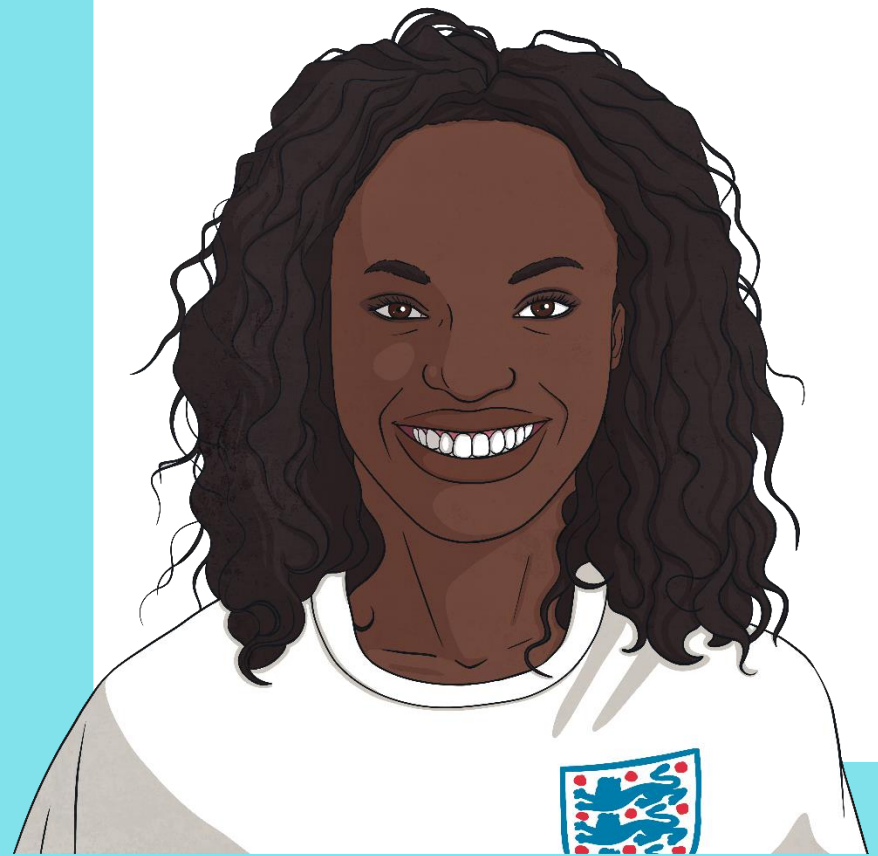
Learie became a High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago and continued his efforts to stop inequality. This included him assisting a famous bus boycott in Bristol. He encouraged and supported people not to use the buses until the companies changed their rules about allowing Black people to work on their buses.

In 1969, Learie became a member of the House of Lords where he contributed ideas to make new laws, making sure Black British people were fairly represented.



Eniola Aluko (1987 - present)

Eniola Aluko, who goes by Eni, was born in 1987 in the former capital city of Lagos, Nigeria. She moved to Birmingham, England with her family when she was only six months old.



Eni always had a passion for football as a child. When she grew older, she played for popular English women's football clubs in over 100 games, winning three leagues!

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Eniola Aluko (1987 - present)

During her success, Eni experienced Black players being treated differently because of their skin colour. She was brave enough to share her stories and directly spoke with the Football Association and the House of Lords. Eventually, she was apologised to and the rules around fairness and equality were reviewed.



Quiz

Click a **button** to reveal the answer.

10 years old | **8 years old** | **12 years old**

At what age did Pablo Fanque become part of the circus world?



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Quiz

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1948	1969	1980

In what year did Learie Constantine become a member of the House of Lords?



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3	6	10

How many leagues did Eniola Aluko win?



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Inspiration

After hearing about some of the hard-working people in Black British history, we can appreciate the contributions they made to help shape the country we live in today.

Here are some other figures who have shown perseverance and overcome challenges to become well-known household names today.
Can you recognise any of them?



Idris Elba



Stormzy



Zadie Smith



Marcus Rashford

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Time to Reflect

Why do you think it is important to learn about the lives of these figures?

Why do you think we should show kindness and respect to others?



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