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Black History Month 2023

Celebrating Our Sisters

Black History Month 2023: Celebrating Our Sisters Assembly



What Is Black History Month?

Black History Month is celebrated in the UK during the month of October every year.

It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about significant Black and Mixed Heritage people and their contributions to Britain and worldwide.

Black History Month has been celebrated in the UK since 1987.



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What Does It Mean to Be Black and British?

Being Black and British is an **identity**.

A person who is Black and British may have **ancestors** from African or Caribbean countries and have been born or grew up in a British country.

Someone who has recently moved to a British country or that has lived here most or all of their lives may also identify as Black British.



identity – Who a person is or feels they are.

ancestors – A person who was in someone's family in the past.

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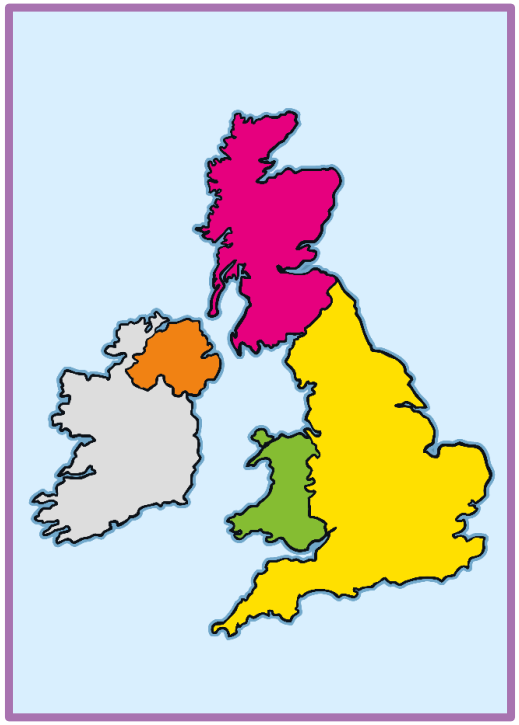
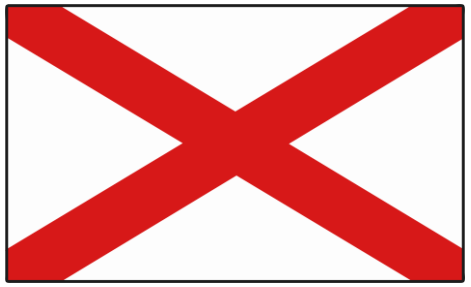
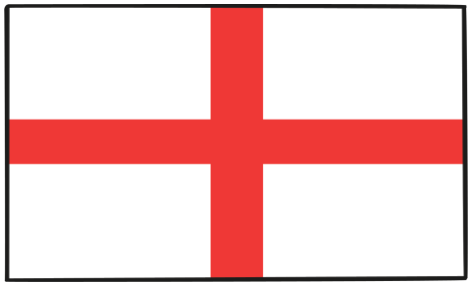
What Does It Mean to Be Black and British?

Can you name any countries in Great Britain?











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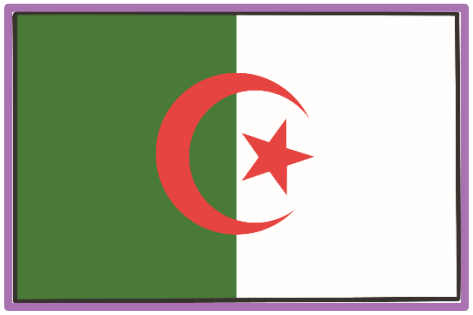
What Does It Mean to Be Black and British?

Do you recognise any of the African or Caribbean flags shown?



Algeria



Antigua and Barbuda



Aruba



Barbados



Botswana



Jamaica

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Celebrating Our Sisters

The theme of this year's UK Black History month is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'.

The aim of this theme is to learn about Black and Mixed Heritage British women who have shaped history. We will learn about their achievements and accomplishments.

Let's look at some influential Black British women from different industries including **sports, politics, music, science and medicine, broadcasting and entertainment, literature and arts.**



Can you think of any Black or Mixed Heritage British women who could be celebrated?

industry – An area of business, for example, the music industry.

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Celebrating Our Sisters

Do you recognise any of these women?

What do you think they are best known for?

Click to find out more about each influential woman.

Do you know anything else about these women?

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Sporting Greats

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Ebony Rainford-Brent



Maggie Alphonsi



Heather Watson



Dina Asher-Smith



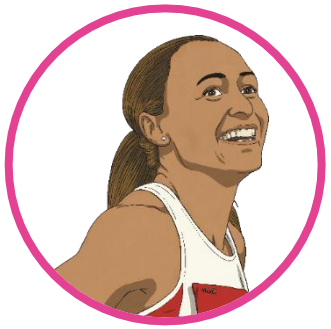
Lauren James



Nicola Adams



Jessica Ennis-Hill



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Politicians and Activists

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Diane Abbott



Baroness Floella Benjamin



Councillor Asher Craig



Jen Reid



Baroness Doreen Lawrence



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Science and Medicine

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Mary Seacole



Dame Elizabeth Anionwu



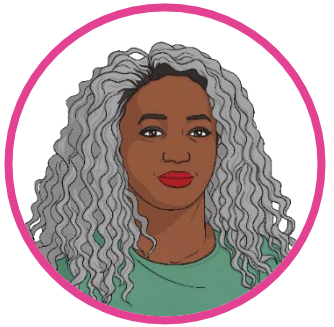
Dr Zoe Williams



Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock



Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE



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Musical Inspirations

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Mel B



Emeli Sandé



Shirley Bassey



Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Jade Thirlwall



Little Simz



Leona Lewis



Sade Adu CBE



Isata Kanneh-Mason



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Presenters and Entertainers

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Judi Love



Alesha Dixon



Naomi Campbell



Alison Hammond



Rochelle Humes



Charlene White



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Experts in the Arts

Click an image to find out more about each influential woman.

Lorraine Pascale



Yolanda Brown OBE



Malorie Blackman OBE



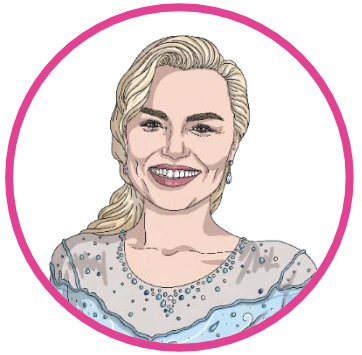
Laura Henry-Allain MBE



Lubaina Himid



Samantha Barks



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What We've Learnt

We're going to have a quiz!

Think back to some of the women we have been learning about. Can you use what you have learned to answer these questions?



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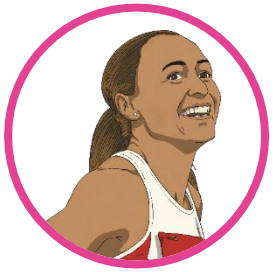
Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Can you name a woman who has won medals, set a sporting record or won a World Cup?

Dina Asher-Smith



Jessica Ennis-Hill



Ebony Rainford-Brent



Maggie Alphonsi



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Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Can you name a woman who has written a book?

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock



Rochelle Humes



Alison Hammond



Jen Reid



Alesha Dixon



Malorie Blackman



Lorraine Pascale



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Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Who is this and what is she known for?



This is Dr Maggie Aderin Pocock. She works in the space industry and has written several books.

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Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Name a woman who has had at least one number one song.

Rochelle Humes



Emeli Sandé



Mel B



Leigh-Anne Pinnock
Jade Thirlwall



Shirley Bassey



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Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Who is this and what is she known for?



This is Mary Seacole. She is known for being a nurse and riding on horseback to help injured soldiers.

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Celebration Our Sisters Quiz

Name a woman who won Strictly Come Dancing or X-Factor.

Leona Lewis



Alesha Dixon



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Time to Reflect

Can you think of a Black or Mixed Heritage woman that you find inspiring and would like to celebrate? It could be a family member, a friend or a famous person.

What have they achieved and why do they inspire you?



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