



Black History Month

Learning Resources Pack

Attention – calling all teachers, educators and parents, and pupils and students!

Consistent with our values (and unwavering commitment to EDI and anti-racism) the Forum's vision is to leave a positive and lasting legacy for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone who respects and enjoys Black British history and African heritage culture.

Our Values = to leave a lasting legacy

Love – Excellence – Growth – Ambition – Culture – Youth

We all have an important role to play to help eliminate racism, reclaim Black history, and ensure Black history is represented authentically and celebrated all year round (and not just for Windrush Day or during Black History Month).

The Forum (together with our partners) is proud to support local educators and learning institutions that constantly strive to empower, educate and inspire our diverse communities.



We are pleased to share with you our curated Black History Month 'Learning Resources Pack'. The pack has been prepared with the emphasis very much on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) – **because every learner matters and matters equally.**

Even better the pack is available free of charge and can be used all year-round.

The pack contents have been sourced from publicly available sources and is made available to use generally for the (non-commercial) specific purposes of supporting and raising EDI awareness, teaching culturally authentic history, learning and education.

Notes:

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The National Curriculum

In the context of the national requirements around the teaching of historic events the national curriculum¹ supports and encourages educators to ensure that all pupils learn about – and have opportunities to discuss – the many positive contributions made by Black Britons and other people with an African heritage.

History² is a key subject for learning about the significant influence that diverse groups have had over many centuries on the continued growth and development of Britain. The role of educators (and the forthcoming changes to the model curriculum³) is crucial to ensure a balanced curriculum that includes Black history is authentically delivered.

There are various approaches⁴ that educators can use to teach Black history in schools / as tailored for specific key stages#. For example:

- **KS1** | lessons about the significance of the Windrush generation to Britain, and the lives of key Black historical figures in the context of the UK.
- **KS2** | contrasting and comparing pre-and post-slavery African / Caribbean history with British history.
- **KS3** | raising awareness about the history (and consequences) of Empire (inc exploring ideas, political power, industrial revolution and migration) and Britain's history between 1745-1901.
- **KS4** | embedding understanding (to GCSE level) of key events, periods and societies – spanning cities, the UK, and the global context (inc pros and cons of migration, and the UN's recent adoption of the 'Correct the Map' resolution⁵).

Key Stages= KS1 (ages 5 – 7) | KS2 (ages 7 – 11) | KS3 (ages 11 – 14) | KS4 (ages 14 – 18)

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-framework-for-key-stages-1-to-4>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-history-programmes-of-study>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/curriculum-and-assessment-review-final-report>

⁴ <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/black-history-month-how-black-history-is-taught-in-our-schools-2/>

⁵ <https://press.un.org/en/2026/ga12779.doc.htm>



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This annual occasion brings together people from many different backgrounds to recognise the rich history, achievements and contributions of Black British/African heritage people in the UK and in shaping local communities.

It also serves as a valuable reminder of the ongoing need to tackle racism, reclaim Black history, and ensure Black history is authentically represented and celebrated all year round.

The theme~ for Black History Month 2026 is **“Honouring Our Communities”** and is a proud recognition of the many achievements of inspirational individuals (and resilient communities) that have contributed so much and are an integral part of the nation's heritage.

Understanding what it means to honour communities

While Black History Month continues to celebrate historic achievements, history is also shaped through ongoing self-less acts of care, leadership and service.

Across Britain, African heritage volunteers, teachers, nurses, carers, community leaders and organisers continue to make a lasting impact every day, often going about their duties unseen and without recognition.

Honouring communities is about celebrating those special people and other unsung heroes who (as an integral part of the nation's heritage) contribute so much and continue to make a difference.

~Source ref: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-intros/black-history-month-2026-honouring-our-communities/>



Useful resources to teach children about Black history

Title / Description	Audience#	Links / attachments / download materials
Learning Themes		
➤ Floella Benjamin – Video and discussion themes	Key Stage 1 Pupils	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zkbnvj6
➤ Assembly plan & classroom kit – BHM		https://spark2.org/teacher-packs/black-history-month-2026/classroom-kit.html
➤ Animations - various	Key Stages 2 / 3 / 4 Pupils	https://theblackcurriculum.com/resources
➤ Black history before slavery		https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/black%20people%20in%20Britain-before%20the%20slave%20trade.pdf
➤ Black leaders in Britain		https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/introductiontoblackleadersinbritain.pdf
➤ Racism and mental health – a guide for young people		https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/racism-and-mental-health
KS2 Specific Learning		
➤ Video – BHM lesson	Key Stage 2 Pupils	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/literacy-ks2-lesson-3/zwwkg7h
➤ Assembly Plan – BHM		https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-h-5079-black-history-month-assembly-script-and-powerpoint-pack
➤ Worksheet – BHM		https://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/liveliessons/Twinkl/BBCLiveLesson_LiteracyKS2_lesson_3worksheet.pdf



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KS3 Specific Learning ➤ Video – the story of Fanny Eaton	Key Stage 3 Pupils	https://youtu.be/uo01gaqAih8
➤ Worksheet – the story of Fanny Eaton		https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f5507a237cea057c5f57741/t/5f58dc0150d71b610df84775/1599659011471/FE%2B-%2BActivity%2BKS3.pdf
KS4 Specific Learning ➤ Secondary assembly plan – BHM	Key Stage 4 Pupils	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z67h7v4#zdbnk7
Video Shorts ➤ ‘Time to Level Up’: mental health well-being	Key Stage 2 Pupils	https://youtu.be/x9Yq-StpUc4?feature=shared
➤ Inspirational stories: Magid Magid – Sheffield’s youngest mayor	Key Stages 3 & 4 Pupils	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-black-british-stories-magid-magid/zrbvsk7
➤ Poet John Agard – ‘Checking Out me History’		https://youtu.be/LFV_06_UidI
➤ Introduction to Black History Month and Beyond	Teachers / Educators	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/beyond-black-history-month/zn743j6
➤ How to Talk About Migration		https://www.ourmigrationstory.org.uk/information-for-teachers/how-to-talk-about-migration.html
➤ How to be a better ally to your students		https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teacher-support/how-to-be-a-better-ally-to-your-students-black-allies/z6x3f82
➤ Dept. for Education – how BHM is taught in our schools (updated 2022)		https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/03/black-history-month-how-black-history-is-taught-in-our-schools-2/



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A4 Posters ➤ Black history (pre-21 st century)	General use	https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/blackhistoryobamapt12_v118_web.pdf
➤ How the Caribbean freed itself		https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/how the caribbean freed itself.pdf
Publication A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter		https://yooopies-cms.cdn.prismic.io/yooopies-cms/a79829ee-9d85-465c-9a08-270c4fd7e5b5_Parent%27s+guide+to+black+lives+matter.pdf

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Struggling to find what you need?

Please see the links below to access original sources of learning and where additional content can be sourced (n.b. in some cases a fee may or may not be payable)

100 Great Black Britons https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/resources.html		BBC https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zy7sm39 & https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zndc8p3	
Black Cultural Archives https://blackculturalarchives.org/learning	Black Curriculum https://theblackcurriculum.com/resources		Dept. for Education https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/?s=how-we-teach-children-about-black-history%2F
Mentally Healthy Schools https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/search?searchTerm=black+history+month		National Education Union https://neu.org.uk/advice/classroom/teaching-resources/black-history-resources	
Oak National Academy https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/search?term=windrush		Stonewall https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/lgbtq-hubs/qtipoc-hub	
Teachwire https://www.teachwire.net/teaching-resources/into-africa-craft-activities-for-eyfs/		TES https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/black-history-month	
Young Minds https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/racism-and-mental-health/			
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