



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.



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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.

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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 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).

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://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6821d69eced319d02c9060e3/Curriculum_and_Assessment_Review_interim_report.pdf

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



Black History Month – October 2025

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.

This year the theme~ for Black History Month is “**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**”; 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.

Some examples of ‘Standing Firm in Power and Pride’:

- The fictional ‘Dr Who’ character: as recently played by a black / LGBTQ+ actor
- Black curators and creatives given full artistic freedom to shape their art form exhibits in a way that is truthful to their heritage
- Prominent institutions apologising for past events (e.g. transatlantic slavery) and issuing corrections (and in some cases, making financial restitutions)
- Organisations (inc schools, universities, hospitals, councils, private sector) providing safe ‘anti-racist’ spaces that respects the diversity of their staff and pupils (inc improved support / training for how to pronounce non-English names)
- Shining a spotlight on historic individuals who have fought against racism and discrimination (e.g. Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parkes, Malcolm X) and celebrating the achievements of black British icons in recognition of their key contributions to the nation (e.g. Mary Seacole, Benjamin Zephaniah, Paul Stephenson OBE, Magid Magid)

~Source ref: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-intros/black-history-month-2025-standing-firm-in-power-and-pride/>



Useful resources to teach children about Black history

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

Title / Description	Audience	Links / attachments / download materials
Learning Themes <u>Floella Benjamin</u> – Video and discussion themes	Key Stage 1 Pupils	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zkbnvj6
➤ Black history before slavery	Key Stages 2 / 3 / 4 Pupils	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
SEND/ASN Specific Learning ➤ Assembly plan – BHM	SEND/ASN	stonewall black history month assembly 2021 - send aln asn v1.pptx
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://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Ffiles.stonewall.org.uk%2Fproduction%2Ffiles%2Fstonewall_black_history_month_assembly_2021



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		- key stage 2 p4 to p7.pptx%3Fdm%3D1724230516&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK
➤ Worksheet – BHM		https://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/livelessons/Twinkl/BBCLiveLesson_LiteracyKS2_lesson_3_worksheet.pdf
KS3 Specific Learning		
➤ Video – the story of Fanny Eaton	Key Stage 3 Pupils	https://youtu.be/uo01gagAih8
➤ Worksheet – the story of Fanny Eaton		https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f5507a237cea057c5f57741/t/5f58dc0150d71b610df84775/1599659011471/FE%2B-%2BActivity%2BKS3.pdf
KS4 Specific Learning		
➤ Assembly Plan – BHM	Key Stage 4 Pupils	stonewall black history month assembly 2021 - secondary.pptx
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



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➤ 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/
A4 Posters	General use	https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/blackhistoryobamapt12_v118_web.pdf
➤ Black history (pre-21 st century)		https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/how_the_caribbean_freed_itself.pdf
➤ How the Caribbean freed itself		https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/how_the_caribbean_freed_itself.pdf
➤ Celebrating black LGBT role models		https://files.stonewall.org.uk/product/production/files/bhm-posters.pdf?dm=1724230491
Publication A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter		https://yoopies-cms.cdn.prismic.io/yoopies-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 Teach

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/black-lives-black-history-resources/zy7sm39>

The Black Curriculum

<https://theblackcurriculum.com/resources>

Black Cultural Archives

<https://blackculturalarchives.org/learning>

Dept. for Education

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/06/22/national-windrush-day-how-we-teach-children-about-black-history/>

Mentally Healthy Schools

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2702/black-history-month-2021-toolkit.pdf>

Stonewall

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/black-history-month-assemblies-for-schools>

Teachwire

<https://www.teachwire.net/teaching-resources/>

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/>

Windrush Foundation

<https://windrushfoundation.com/70-windrush-pioneers-and-champions-empire-windrush-education-resource1/>

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