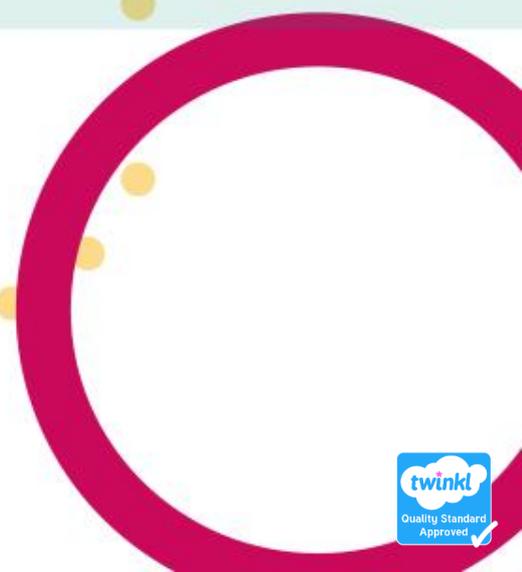




Black History Month



What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today.



Why Do We Have Black History Month?

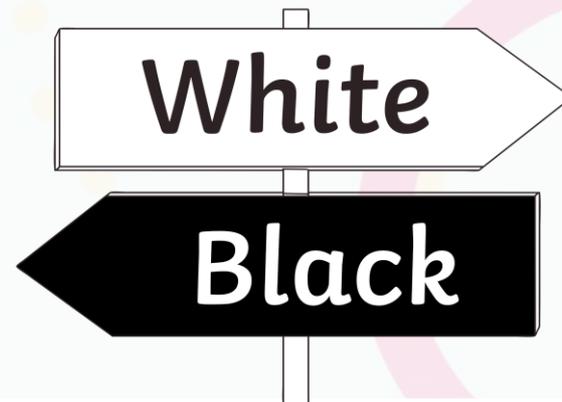
Why do you think we have Black History month?

Black people have not always been treated equally simply because of the colour of their skin.

Do you know of any examples or stories of when black people have been treated unfairly in the past?

One example is that in America, black and white people had to sit in different seats on a bus or public places like the cinema.

- Can you remember what happened to Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa?
- How did this make him feel?
- What did he do next?



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Lots of people knew that this was wrong and wanted things to change.

In 1926, in America, a man called Carter G. Woodson introduced a “Negro History Week,” which later turned into Black History Month.

In 1987, the first Black History Month took place in the UK.

How do you think this made black people feel?

Carter G. Woodson



Famous Black Men and Women

What famous black people do you know?



Famous Black Men and Women



Dr Mae Jemison
1956 – present day

Dr Mae Jemison was born in Alabama, USA. Mae developed an interest in science from a very early age. Following a career in medicine, she was selected by NASA for astronaut training. Mae became the first African American woman to travel in space when she went into orbit aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour on the 12th September, 1992.

Famous Black Men and Women

Barack Obama

1961 – present day

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on 4th August 1961. His father is from Kenya and his mother is from Kansas.

On 4th November 2008, he became the 44th American President. He is the first African-American president in the United States of America.

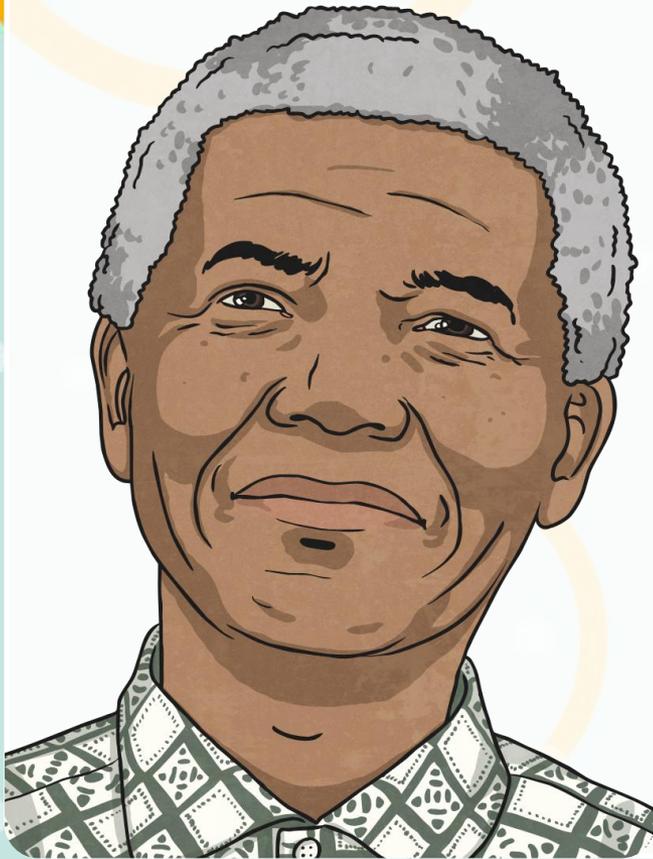


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Nelson Mandela

1918-2013

Nelson Mandela was the first black South African President. He spent 27 years in prison for trying to change things so that they were equal for both black and white people. Many people around the world thought he was a hero and respected him for his courage and wisdom in bringing people together and living in peace.



Famous Black Men and Women



Mary Seacole
1805-1881

Mary Seacole went to help soldiers in the Crimean War. Because of all her efforts, the soldiers called her “Mother Seacole,” as she comforted them, nursed them back to health and was always there if they needed clothes, blankets and kindness.

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Rosa Parks
1913-2005

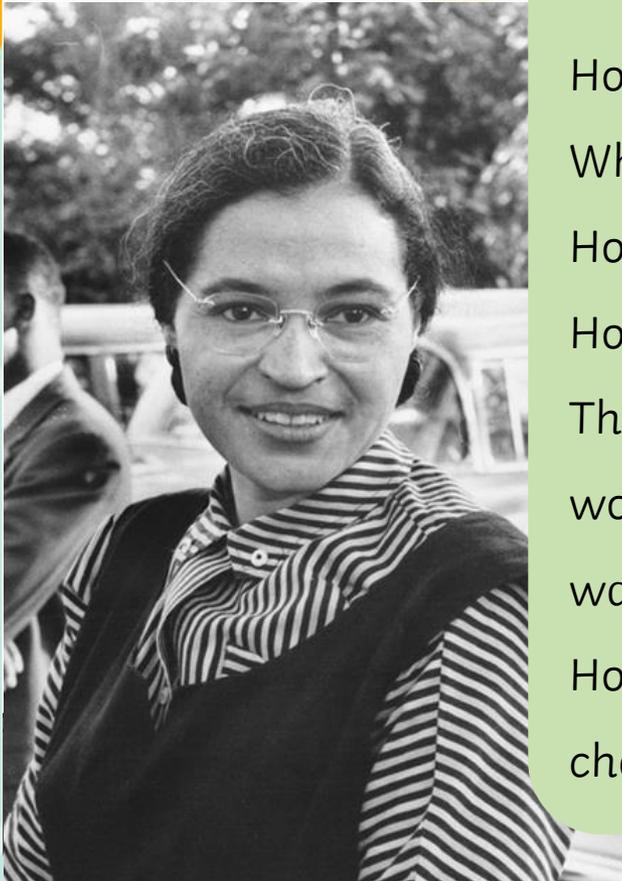
Watch the video about Rosa Parks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0160x5y>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1dLM3NMCsA&feature=emb_title

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Think about these questions or discuss them with someone at home...



How did Rosa feel as she sat on the bus that day?

What was different about that particular day?

How did the other black people on the bus feel?

How did the other white people on the bus feel?

Think back to the video when the people walked to work and school. Why were white people also walking?

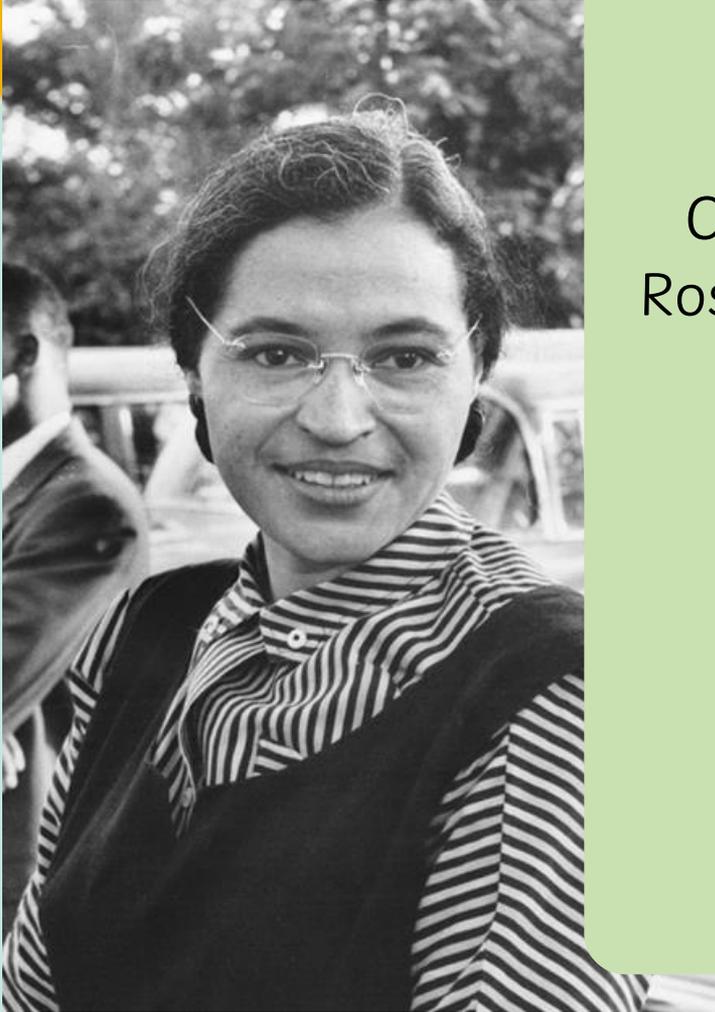
How do you think Rosa felt after the laws had been changed?

Make a stand like....

Rosa Parks

Can you think of words to describe Rosa Parks and her actions on the bus that day.

Add them here...



Let's make a class display.

Choose an inspirational or famous black person to go with one of these statements. Research this person and make a poster about the famous person with one of the headings below.

- Run like....
- Play like....
- Learn like....
- Inspire like...
- Lead like...
- Sing like....
- Perform/Dance like...
- Dream like...