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Black History Month takes place annually in October in the UK and in February in America.

There is a different theme each year.

The theme for 2021 is 'Proud to Be' and different events are planned to take place throughout the month.

Black History Month is a time for us to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the UK from the past and present and to challenge racism

#### White

### Black

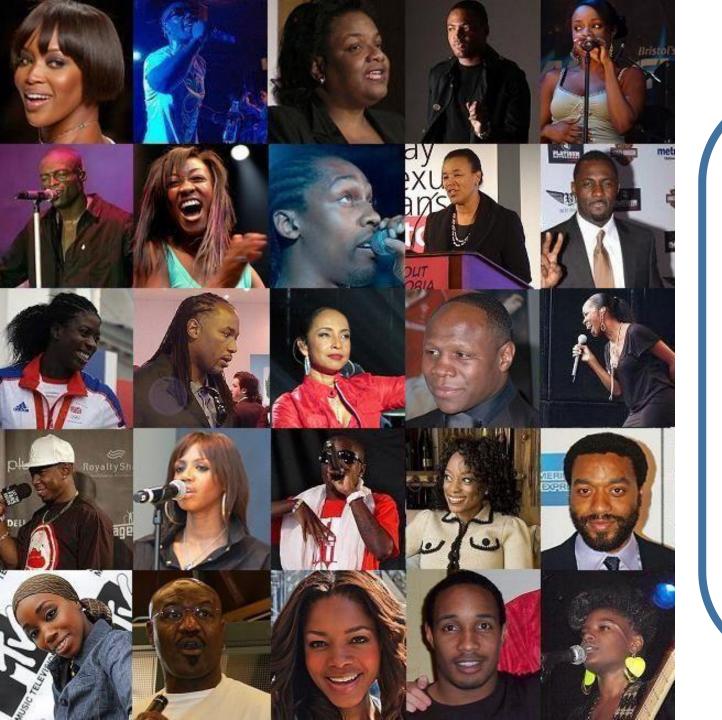
# Why Do We Have Black History Month?



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. Another example is from the late 16th century, when Black men, women and children were



Black people are an important part of UK history, but they have not always been recognised in history books



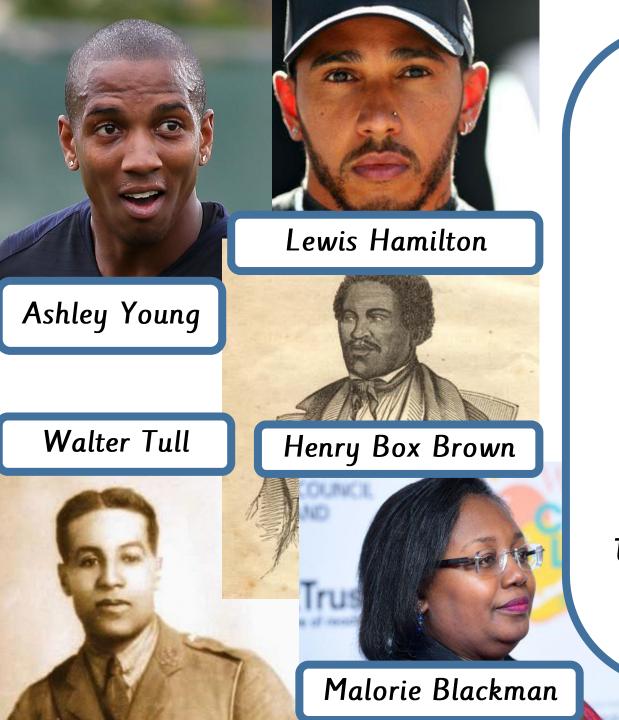
Learning about the inspirational black people of Britain's history will help us build a future of equality and respect



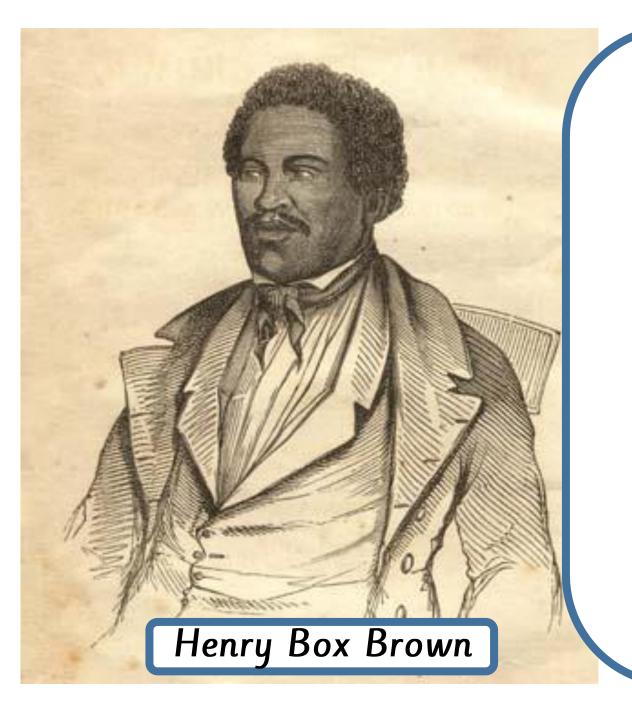


Let's watch this video clip to find out why it's important to celebrate black history month

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230

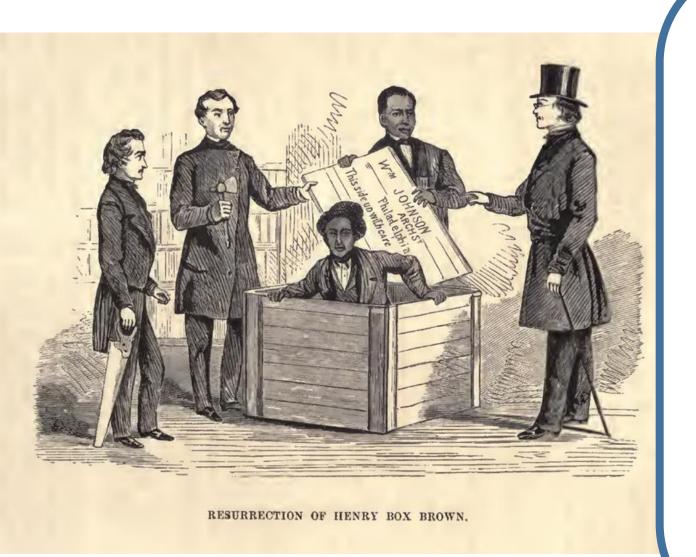


This month I will help us celebrate Black History Month by sharing facts about a different inspiring black person each week! Let your teacher know if there is anyone you would love to learn about!



# Let's talk about Henry Box Brown!





Henry Box Brown was born into slavery in the United States but after hiding in a box he managed to escape and get to England. He lived in England for 25 years, touring the country as a magician and teaching people about the anti-slavery movement.

## Let's hear a story about Henry's life!

