

Name Teaching Group.....

Black History Month homework project



Moving to Britain

October is Black History Month

You must complete all the tasks in this homework project
and hand in your finished homework project on

The picture on the front page is of an African Caribbean woman who moved to Britain in the 1940's or 50's. Many people moved to Britain after the war, but there had been African and Caribbean immigrants for centuries before!

For the following tasks you will need to do some research. Try the LRC.

Create a timeline for the history of Black immigrants in England. Visit www.irespect.net for loads of facts. Some details are filled in for you.

Year	event
1555	five Africans come to Britain to learn English, so that trade would be easier
	Oludah Equiano born
1914-1918	WWI (add details!)
1939-1945	WW2 (add details!)
	Windrush arrives
2005	



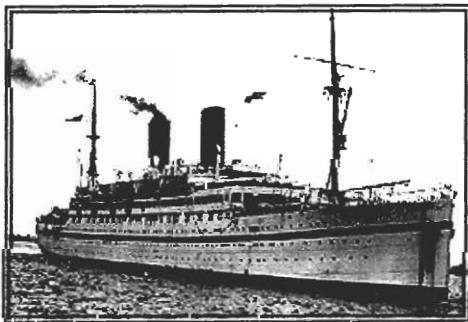
This picture is of the poet Benjamin Zephaniah. He was born in Birmingham and his poetry is influenced not only by British culture, but also by Reggae music and Jamaican culture.

1. When was Benjamin Zephaniah born?
2. Read one of his poems and write a review of it.
3. Why did Benjamin Zephaniah refuse to accept a knighthood?

1

2

3



The people who arrived in Britain in the 1950's faced difficulties. Visit irespect.net, follow "Untold Stories" link and list the problems people faced when they first arrived.

As you have discovered, British people have not always been tolerant of people with a different skin colour. However, Black people have made a large and important contribution to all our lives, whatever colour skin we have. Choose one of the following people and write an account of their life here. *Mary Seacole, Floella Benjamin, Heather Small, Darcus Howe, Frank Bruno, Clive Sullivan.*

Things have changed! Find out some positive things!

"Britain ... benefits from the skills that asylum seekers and migrants bring. Throughout its history Britain has been a nation of migrants. Let us display pride!"

Dianne Abbott, Britain's first black woman MP (Socialist Campaign Group News May 04)



Can you find out more facts about any of the people in you answers? Go on, find out 1 really interesting fact about 1 of them.

1. Find out the names of two Black British MP's
2. Who was the first Black British footballer and who did he play for?
3. Many songs in the charts are by Black British artists. Name a winner of the MoBO awards and their song/album.
4. What is Linton Kwesi Johnson famous for?
5. Tessa Sanderson is the first British Black woman to win a gold medal. What sport did she compete in?
6. Who is Wilfred Wood?

(you might find this website useful: www.100greatblackbritons.com. You can also look in a real encyclopaedia! Or google them)

Answers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

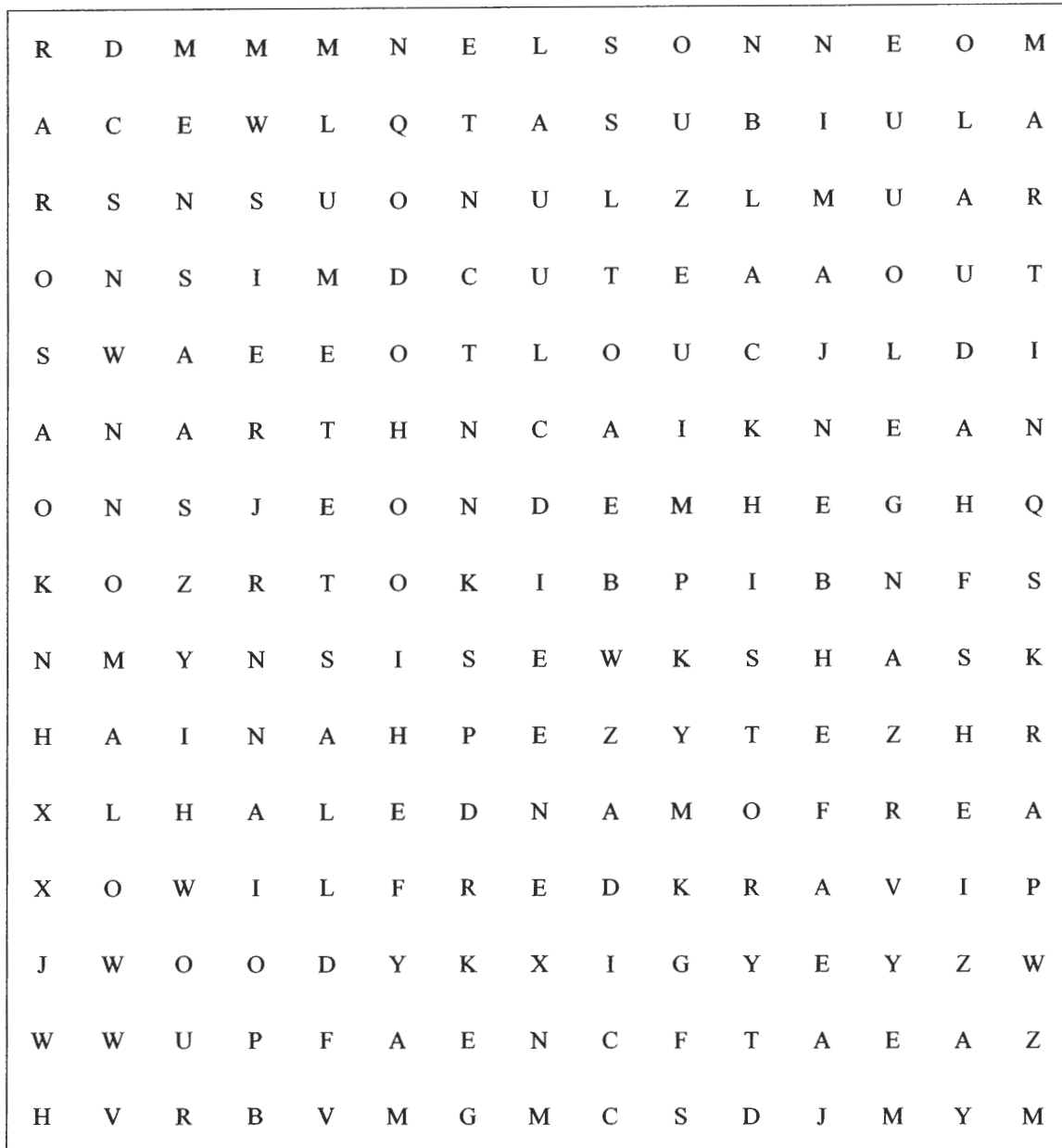
Visit the website www.blackfacts.com.

Type in your birthday and record, in your own words, five of the events which happened on that day in history. Don't forget to write in the year!

Remember that the LRC is open after school on Tues, Weds, Thurs. You may need to ask your teacher for a note in your planner.

My birthday is of

Can you find the names of all these influential Black people in the wordsearch?



Benjamin Zephaniah
Black History
Desmond Tutu
irespect
Linton Kwesi Johnson
Malcolm X
Martin Luther King

Maya Angelou
Nelson Mandela
Olaudah Equiano
Rosa May Parks
Steve Biko
Tessa Sanderson
Wilfred Wood

You have found out about a lot of important Black people in this project!
Design a poster to share all your knowledge of one of these people. The
best will go on display.