



My Black Hero Factfile

Introduction to the My Black Hero Factfile

The **My Black Hero Factfile** is a creative, reflective resource designed to help students explore and celebrate influential Black figures whose achievements, ideas and contributions have shaped history, culture, science, art and society. Aligned with the Black Inclusion Week this activity encourages young people to move beyond recognition and into deeper understanding, curiosity and appreciation.

This factfile can be used on its own or alongside the **Curriculum Audit, Intervention Toolkit, and Discussion Cards** to support a wholeschool approach to Black inclusion. Where the audit identifies gaps and the toolkit guides structural change, the factfile brings inclusion to life through student-led research, storytelling and celebration.

What the Factfile Is For

- ✔ Helping students learn about Black heroes across disciplines, time periods and global contexts
- ✔ Encouraging independent research, critical thinking and personal reflection
- ✔ Providing a meaningful activity for Black Inclusion Week that also supports yearround curriculum work
- ✔ Strengthening visibility and representation in learning environments
- ✔ Helping students articulate why their chosen hero matters to them, to their community, and to the wider world

How to Use the Factfile

1.

Invite each student (or group) to choose a Black hero

This could be a historical figure, a contemporary leader, an artist, scientist, activist, local role model or someone from their own family or community.

2.

Use the prompts in the factfile

Students can explore who their hero is, what they achieved, the challenges they faced, and why their contribution is important.

3.

Encourage deeper reflection

Ask students to consider how their hero's story connects to themes of resilience, innovation, justice, identity or impact.

4.

Share and celebrate

Display completed factfiles around the school, use them in assemblies, or build them into a Black Inclusion Week showcase to amplify student learning.

5.

Use yearround

This isn't just a themedweek activity - the factfile supports continuous inclusion through research projects, PSHE, humanities, literacy tasks, or enrichment activities.

Welcome to Black Inclusion Week!

This week, we celebrate and learn about amazing Black heroes, past & present, who inspire, lead, and make a difference in the world. Use this factfile to discover their stories, reflect on what makes them special, and think about how you can be a hero in your own way!



My Black hero name:

Birth date:

Job title:

My Black hero image

My Black hero life story

My Black hero 3 fun facts

What I admire most about my Black hero is:

My Black hero is important to me because:

Black Inclusion Week Our Heros

On this page, you'll see the faces of many amazing Black heroes. You can pick one of these heroes to answer the questions about, or you can think of your own Black hero someone in your life, community, or history who inspires you. There are no wrong answers, so choose the hero who speaks to you the most and enjoy exploring their story!



Maya Angelou



Dr Paul Stephenson



Ade Adepitan



Claudia Jones



Munroe Bergdorf



Marcus Rashford



Simone Biles



Muhammad Ali



Michelle Obama