

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Let's Celebrate Together

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What is Black History Month?



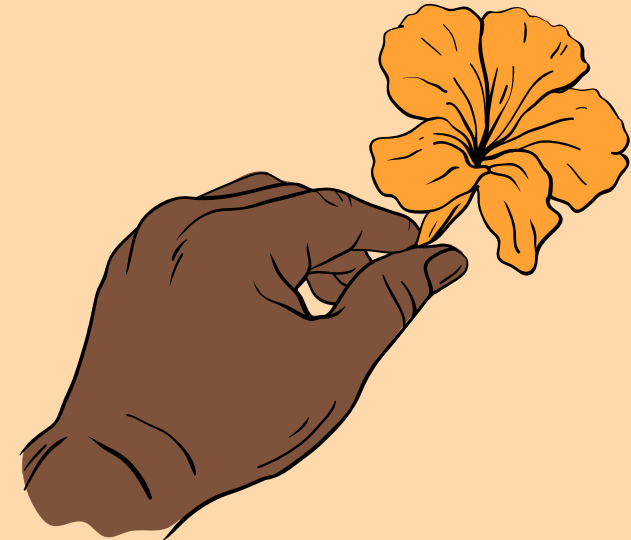
Black History Month originated in the United States to celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of black people and those from African, Asian and Caribbean descent.

Today, Black History Month is commemorated by communities across the world. Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987, it is now a month-long, annual celebration of the achievements of Black communities and the remembrance of Black history across the world, and takes place throughout October. There are many special ways to participate, including educational events, exhibitions, shows, talks, performances, memorial services and installations across the UK that raise awareness of history and celebrate traditions, customs and cultures.

We have collated some events which are taking place across England during Black History Month, alongside some useful resources, for those who would like to learn more. We have also provided some activities and competitions to support you and the entire family to engage in discussions regarding Black History.

Do the best you can
until you know better. Then when
you know better, do better.

Maya Angelou



"Whatever we believe about ourselves and our ability comes true for us."

Susan L. Taylor, journalist

"Truth is powerful and it prevails."

Sojourner Truth

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."

Muhammad Ali

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Nelson Mandela

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

Booker T. Washington

Influential Individuals

Black history Tube map

TFL and the Black Cultural Archives have teamed up and launched a Black History Tube map, celebrating the rich and varied contributions Black people have made to London and the UK from Pre-Tudor times to the present day. There's plenty to be seen across all lines! You can access the tube map, and more information here:

<https://londonblog.tfl.gov.uk/2021/10/12/black-history-tube-map/>

First Heavyweight Champ: Jack Jackson became the first African American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908. He held onto the belt until 1915.

First Lawyer: John Mercer Langston was the first Black man to become a lawyer in The USA, when he passed the bar in Ohio, in 1854.

Supreme Court Justice: Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Lyndon. B and served on the court from 1967 to 1991.

First Black Billionaire: Before Oprah Winfrey and Michael joined the billionaire's club, Robert Johnson became the first African American when he sold the cable station he founded, Black Entertainment Television (BET) in 2001.

Resources



Black History Month: The men who made history in Britain:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41775249>

Great women in the UK you should know about

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41433196>

Find out about more Great Black Britons here, including black titans of British politics; The church of England's first black Bishop, and so much more:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/bhm-firsts/>

Videos:

Black History Month: Black Britons who paved the way influential black people in the UK who were the first to do some important things:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49940939>

Kids have been telling Newsround why Black History Month is important to them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41453182>

Free Educational resources:

<https://theblackcurriculum.com/freelearning>

Events

There are a number of events taking place across the UK to celebrate Black History Month

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Name of Event</u>	<u>Venue / Location</u>	<u>Information</u>
Every Monday and Tuesday until 5th Nov 2022 11am - 7pm	Everything to Everybody: Your Shakespeare, Your Culture	The Gallery, Level 3, Birmingham Library	A free exhibition held by the Royal Shakespeare Company where visitors are encouraged to think about what their culture means to them. A short film will be played upon entry, featuring young people from Birmingham, and afterwards, a spoken word piece by the city's Poet Laureate Casey Bailey.
30 Sept- 6 Nov	Young, Gifted & Black	Theatre Peckham 221 Havil St, London SE5 7SB	A festival which features theatre, poetry, and discussion, highlighting the nuances of the Black experience in the UK, with a focus on stories around migration and belonging. https://www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/young-gifted-black-2021/
8, 15, 19 and 22 Oct 1pm	Poet's Corner	Crossrail Place Roof Garden Canary Wharf London E14	Head to Poet's Corner for a month-long poetry and spoken word festival focusing on modern works by Black people. https://canarywharf.com/whats-on/black-history-month/
8 Oct	Africa Fashion Week London	Freemasons' Hall 60 Great Queen Street London WC2B	Bag a space in the front row at Africa Fashion Week London and get inspired by bright, bold fashion by prominent designers. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/camden/africa-fashion-week-london-2022-the-best-in-african-fashion/
12 Oct	Art as Expression	Acrylicize 30-36 Pritchard's Road London E2 9AP	Discover up-and-coming Black artists at Art as Expression where you can find art ranging from photography to ceramics and illustration. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/tower-hamlets/art-as-expression-emerging-black-artists-exhibition-launch/
12 Oct 11:30 – 12:30	Black History Month Arts and Crafts	Leytonstone Library Church Lane London E11 1HQ	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-month-arts-and-crafts-tickets-412311975217?aff=ebdssbdestsearch
15 Oct	Black Hair Stories	NOVOTEL West London Hammersmith London W6 8DR	Explore the history of Black hair and cultural hairstyles and its evolution at Black Hair Stories by Curly Treats Festival https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/hammersmith-and-fulham/2022-black-history-month-black-hair-stories-by-curlytreats-festival/
15, 22, 29 Oct 11 -1pm	Black History Every Day	Stratford Youth Zone, Theatre Square, Stratford, London , E15 1BX	A three week course that explores the themes, identity, and arts and culture of Black history and is particularly suited to young young boys of Caribbean and African descent. Each workshop will have a specific theme and will be a mix of discussion and creative activities exploring identity through migration stories, poetry and art. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-identity-arts-culture-for-boys-11-16-years-tickets-430919962207
15 Oct 1pm - 4pm	Journey of Discovery Tour	Birmingham Hippodrome	Those wanting to learn more about the phenomenal contributions from the Black community towards Birmingham, and the prominent links to slavery are encouraged to join the Journey of Discovery walking tour, which focuses on the untold Black heritage of Birmingham, follows the footsteps' of the Caribbean Windrush Generation in the city, and much more. A waiting list accessible on Eventbrite.co.uk.
16 Oct	Black History Tour of British Museum – Afternoon Tour	British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG	Join a guided Black History Tour of British Museum and gain insights into artefacts from across African history. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/camden/black-history-tour-of-british-museum-afternoon-tour/
16 Oct 11:00 – 4:00pm	A Celebration of Black History Month in Bromley Town Centre, with Drumming and Crafts Workshops	High Street, Bromley	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-month-workshops-tickets-426149874747?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

17 – 22 Oct Monday - Saturday All day	UK Black Business Week	Monday to Friday – 8 Northumberland Ave, London WC2N 5BY Saturday – Business Design Centre, 52 Upper St, Islington, London, N1 0QH	Unifying Black Professionals & Entrepreneurs to Create Space to nurture talent Buy Tickets Here: https://www.ukblackbusinessweek.com/shop
20 Oct	The Politics of Fabric and Fashion in Africa 1960- Today	David Game College 31 Jewry Street London EC3N 2ET	Learn about The Politics of Fabric and Fashion in Africa 1960-Today with the help of garments displayed in the V&A's Africa Fashion exhibition. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/tower-hamlets/the-politics-of-fabric-and-fashion-in-africa-1960-today/
22 Oct	Black history month, hosted by Unity link up	The Sook Store, 58 Oxford Street, W1D 1BH	Unity link up is celebrating Black History Month by hosting different Black owned businesses to showcase and promote their brands in the heart of central London's busiest shopping high streets. With over 25 brands ranging from clothing, skin care, hair and beauty, jewellery, books, make up and many more. Support a small business celebrating Black History Month in Oxford Street. Each pound spent will help Unity link up to continue to create spaces in the heart of London for small businesses and the local community. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-month-hosted-by-unity-link-up-tickets-397880008817?aff=ebdssbdestsearch
23 Oct	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	Richmond Theatre The Green, London TW9 1QJ	See Ladysmith Black Mambazo perform a musical concert using traditional South African singing styles. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/listings/region/richmond-upon-thames/ladysmith-black-mambazo-5/
27 Oct 7pm – 9pm	The Story Behind My Caribbean Cultural Style - Black History Month Special	Cineworld Cinema at The O2, Greenwich Peninsula Square London SE10 ODX	Cultural Fashion & Arts (CFA) are presenting an evening of live and engaging discussion around the history of Caribbean traditional clothing and its modern day relevance and importance. There would also be a screening of 'The Story Behind My Caribbean Cultural Style' documentary and discussions of the past, present and future of Caribbean traditional clothing with a live audience and panel members https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-behind-my-caribbean-cultural-style-black-history-month-special-tickets-402239026757?aff=ebdssbdestsearch
27 Oct 11:30 – 16:30	Wandsworth Youth Service Celebrates - Black History Month	South Thames College Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PP	An event filled with fun interactive workshops, including hair and beauty, music, art and design, T-shirt design, guest speakers and lots more. Booking is essential so book early to avoid disappointment. Free lunch provided 11.30-12.30pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wandsworth-youth-service-celebrates-black-history-month-stc-wandsworth-tickets-426927069357?aff=ebdssbdestsearch
29 Oct 12pm - 9pm	Black History Activity Book Launch	The New Bingley Hall, 1 Hockley Circus, Birmingham	Over 100 vendors and exhibitors, special guest speakers, performances and more, the Black History Activity Book Launch is providing a day of exciting entertainment and is a 'showcase of Black excellence and a celebration of Black history and diversity'. Join for a 'family day of fun and edu-tainment!'
Multiple Dates in Oct	Food For Thought	The Mix 1a Cumberland Road London E13 8LH	An opportunity for people from diverse cultures to take part in carefully crafted Caribbean cooking workshops. REIN is providing the Newham community with the opportunity to learn how to cook traditional Caribbean dishes and enjoy the beautiful stories behind each of them. The workshops are open to everyone; children, young people, adults, older people and families from across the diverse communities in Newham. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/food-for-thought-tickets-414075098767?aff=erelexpmlt
Monday - Sunday throughout the year 10am-5pm	London, Sugar & Slavery 1600 – today	Museum of London Docklands, No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, London E14 4AL The gallery is on the third floor and can be accessed by lift.	Discover how the trade in enslaved Africans and sugar shaped London. The museum's building is central to this story. It was built at the time of the transatlantic slave trade, to store the sugar from the West Indian plantations where enslaved men, women and children worked. Free entry, timed ticket https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/permanent-galleries/london-sugar-slavery
Various days throughout the year	Black History Walks Walks & Tours	See website for more details	As seen in BBC2's "Great British Story" (2012) and featured in The Guardian's "Top 10 Best Guided Walks of London" (2011), Conde Nast Traveller top 15 walks in London (2018), Black History Walks provide the best walking tours in London. There are 15 walking tours of London to choose from. Each area has been carefully selected for its importance in Black History, and provide interactive discussion and exceptional educational experiences. https://blackhistorywalks.co.uk/walks-tours/
Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm	Slavery & the Bank Exhibition at the Bank of England	Bank of England, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2R 8AH	This exhibition explores the history of transatlantic slavery through its connections with the Bank of England and the wider City of London. The exhibition will be on until 28 April 2023. Entry is free, and no need to book ahead. https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum/whats-on/slavery-and-the-bank



Competition

Creative Competition: Celebration of black history

Let's get creative!

To celebrate black history month, we would like to see a piece of work showing us how you have celebrated black history month this year.

We would love to see pictures, original artwork, poetry, a script, and other pieces of work created by you on the theme of: "A celebration of black history". Entries will be displayed in our office and on our website, and a prize will be given. The piece of work

could be:

art

design

pictures of food you have made / cakes baked

pictures of activities/events you have attended

textiles

poetry

literature / a short story

and so much more!

Entries are to be submitted to: admin@familyfostering.co.uk by 1st November 2022

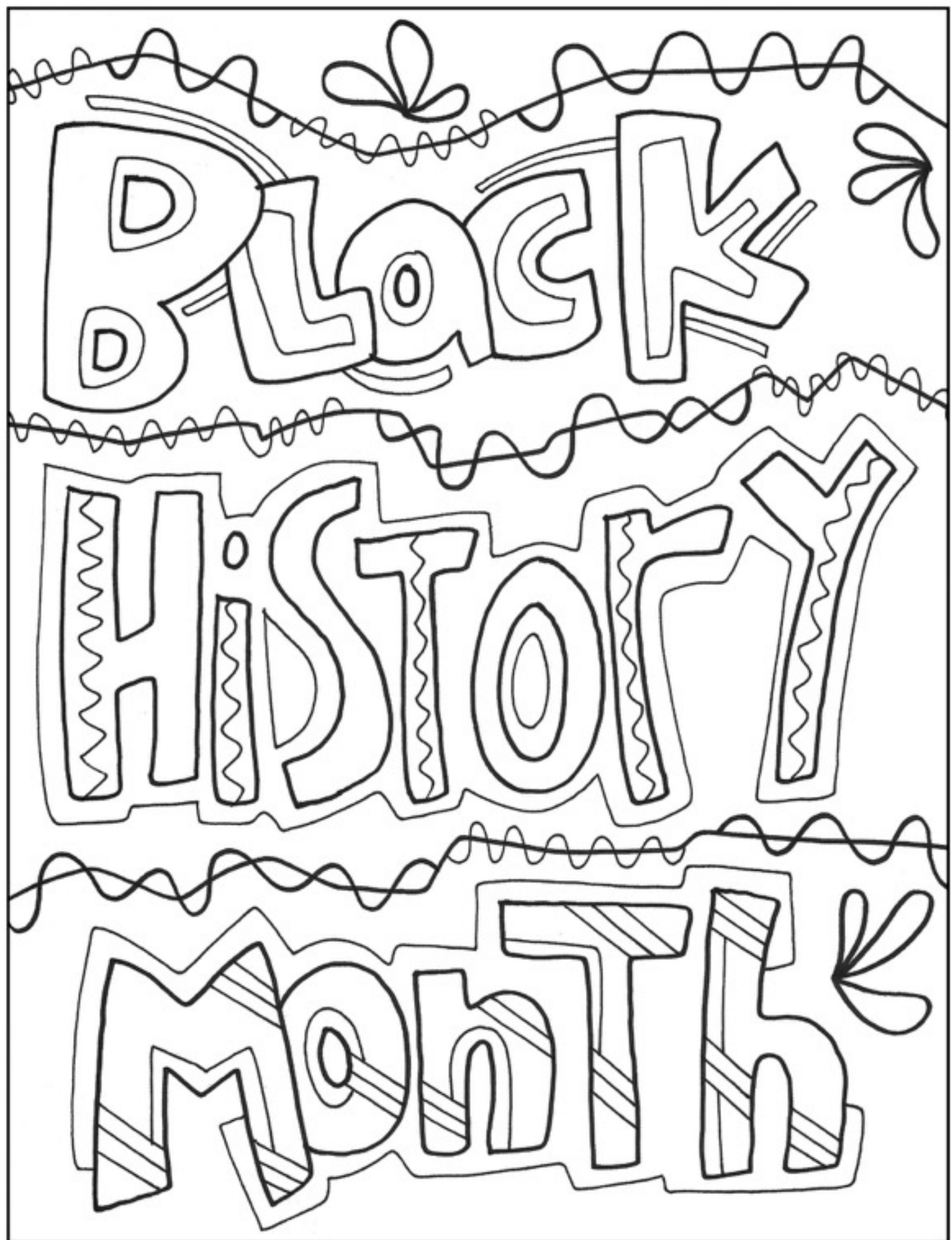
The winning piece of work will be judged by the team, and will be announced at the end of November.

Prizes

1st Place - £50 Voucher

2nd Place - £30 Voucher

3rd Place - £15 Voucher



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WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME CELEBRATING!

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