



# John Blanke

(late 15<sup>th</sup> century - early 16<sup>th</sup> century)



- A trumpeter for King Henry VII and King Henry VIII, an important position.
- John performed at many important royal events including the coronation of Henry VIII (when he became king).
- He asked Henry VIII for more money, which the king gave him.
- When John got married, Henry VIII gave him a wedding outfit as a gift.



# Ignatius Sancho

(around 1729 - 1780)



- He is thought to have been born on a ship carrying enslaved people.
- His parents died and Ignatius was taken to London as a young child.
- Eventually, he was freed from enslavement.
- Having taught himself to write, Ignatius wrote poetry and music.
- He also wrote letters to the newspaper telling people that enslavement was wrong and should be stopped.

# Olaudah Equiano

(around 1745 - 1797)



- Olaudah was born in what is now Nigeria and was sold into enslavement when he was a child.
- Years later, he earned enough money to buy himself out of enslavement.
- He wrote a book about his life as an enslaved person.
- He also campaigned for the end of enslavement.

# Mary Seacole

(1805 - 1881)



- Mary was born in Jamaica.
- Having travelled to London, she asked the British government to send her as a nurse in the Crimean War (1853 - 1856).
- The government refused, so Mary spent her own money running a hospital in the Crimea to care for soldiers.
- Mary saved many lives.

# Harriet Tubman

(around 1822 - 1913)



- Harriet was born into enslavement but she escaped in 1849.
- She helped many other enslaved people escape in the 'Underground Railroad'.
- She was a spy in the US Civil War, helping the people who were fighting against enslavement.

# Arthur Wharton

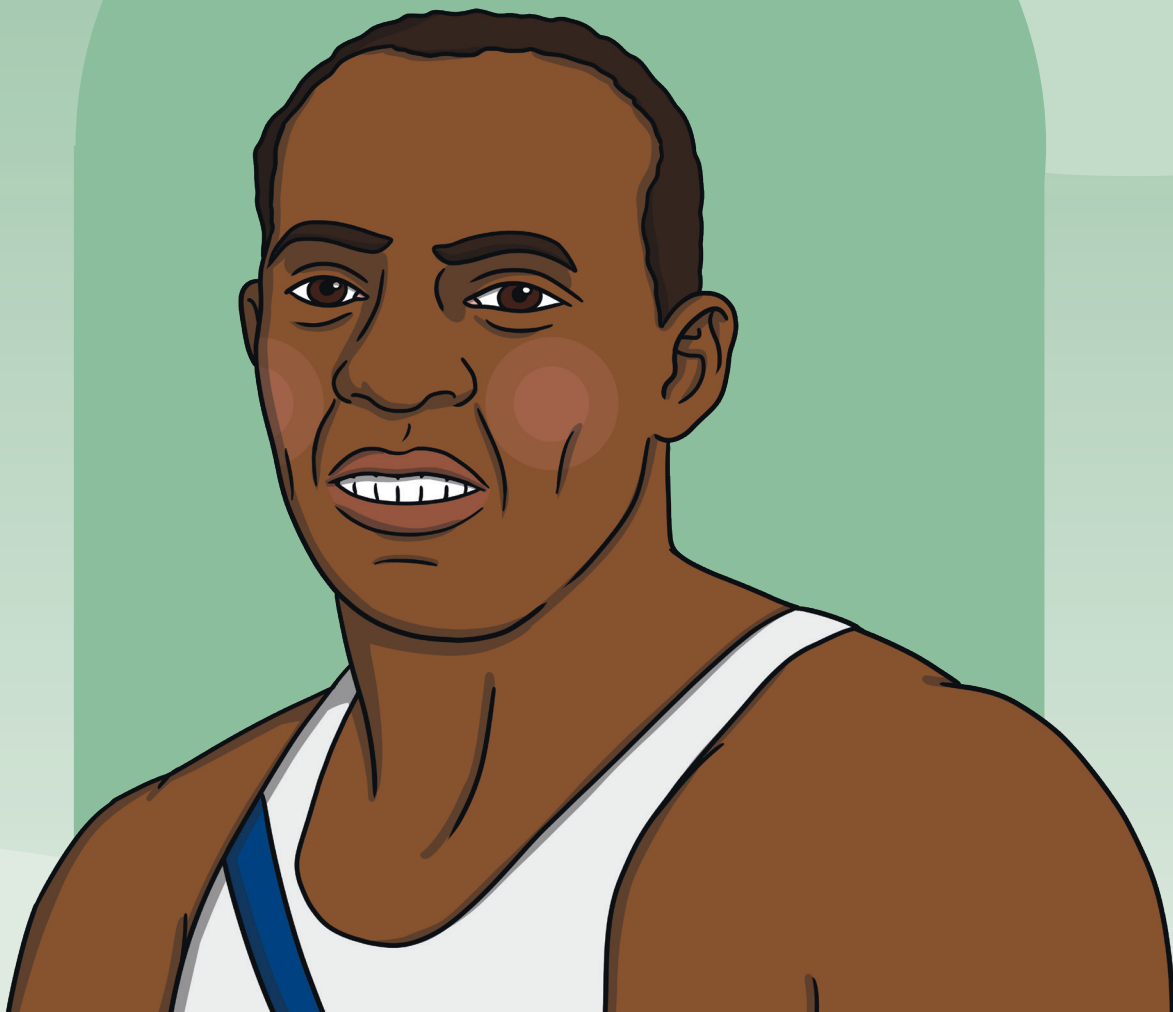
(1865 - 1930)



- Was born in what is now Ghana.
- He became the first Black professional (paid) footballer when he signed for Rotherham United in 1889.



# ✧ ✧ Jesse Owens (1913 - 1980)



- Jesse was an American athlete who competed in running races and the long jump.
- He took part in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.
- The leader of Germany wanted to use the Berlin Olympics to make people think White people were better than anyone else.
- Jesse won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics.



# Rosa Parks

(1913 - 2005)



- Rosa was part of the US Civil Rights movement, a campaign to get Black people equal rights.
- She refused to give up her bus seat for a White man, even though the law said she had to, and was sent to prison.
- This led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which eventually changed the law so that Black people could sit wherever they wanted on buses and not have to give up their seats for White people.



# Nelson Mandela

(1918 - 2013)



- He was born in South Africa, where Black people were treated very badly.
- Nelson campaigned for Black people to be treated equally.
- He was sent to prison, where he stayed for 27 years.
- After he was freed, Nelson Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa.

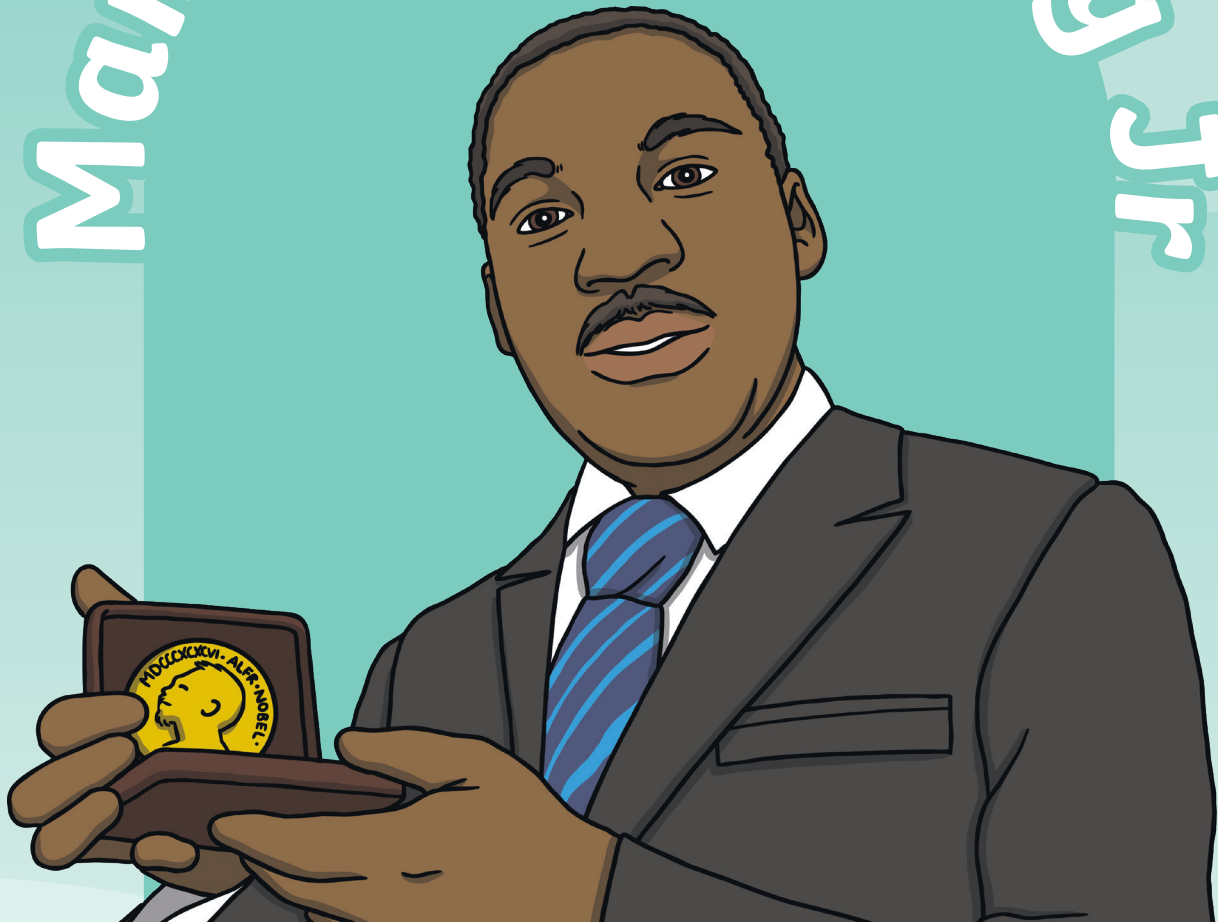
# Katherine Johnson (1918 - 2020)



- When she started university in 1939, Katherine was one of three Black students in the whole university.
- She started working for NASA, the American space organisation, in 1953.
- Katherine used her skills to plan routes into space.
- She helped send astronauts to the moon and back.

# Martin Luther King Jr

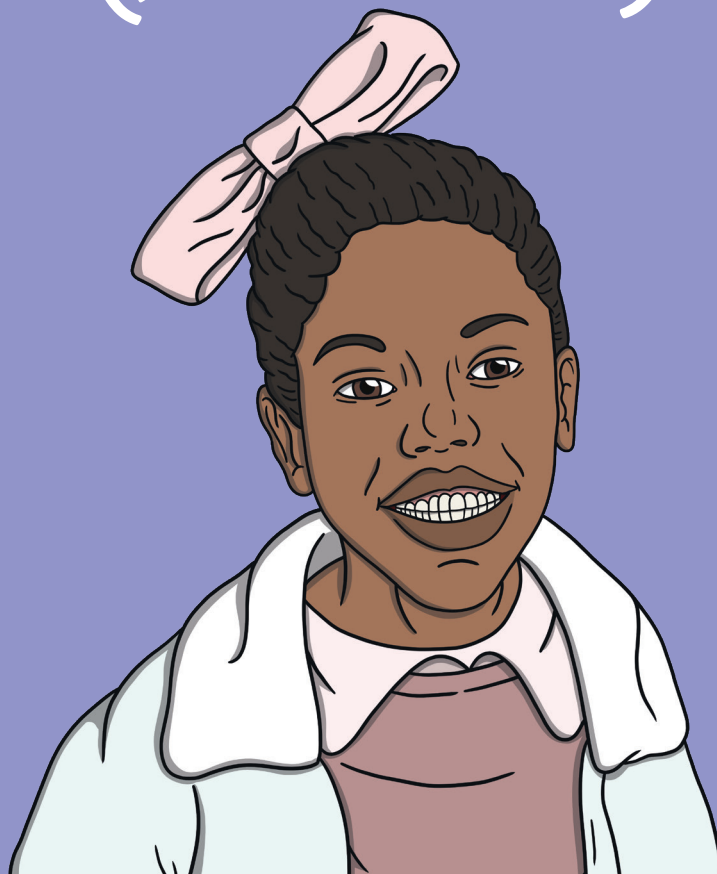
(1929 - 1968)



- Martin was a Christian minister and leader of the US Civil Rights movement, a campaign to get equal rights for Black people.
- In 1964, he was given a special award called the Nobel Peace Prize for his work.
- He believed in non-violent protests.
- Martin made lots of famous speeches about racism, including one called 'I have a dream'.
- Sadly, he was shot and killed by a White person.

# ☆ ☆ Ruby Bridges

(1954 - present)



- Ruby grew up in an area of the USA where Black and White pupils went to different schools. The schools for Black children weren't as good as those for White children.
- The law changed so schools had to accept Black pupils.
- At six years old, Ruby became the first Black pupil to start at the William Frantz Elementary School.
- She had to be walked to school by police officers as many White adults would shout horrible things at Ruby and try to hurt her.
- Only one teacher agreed to teach Ruby and White parents wouldn't let their children be in the same class as her.

# Barack Obama

(1961 - present)



- Barack was born in Hawaii.
- He became a lawyer and politician.
- He was the first Black president of the USA.
- In 2009, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.