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What do I need to know about Black History Month?

DAVID OLUSOGA

HISTORY

BLACK BRITISH HISTORY



Fiction Texts

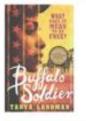
Non Fiction Texts

Poems

Popular Culture

Buffalo Solider (13+) Tanya Landman

Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.



Black and British (13+) David Olusoga

David Olusoga's latest edition of Black and British has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the muchoverlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.



A Change is Gonna Come (12+)

Featuring poems and stories from 12 black, Asian and minority ethnic authors - including four previously unpublished writers - this absorbing book offers refreshing perspectives and thought-provoking questions about the meaning of change that will hit home with everyone.



British Library - Windrush Stories

In June 1948 the Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. 70 years on, Windrush Stories invites us to consider a longer, more complicated and ongoing relationship between Britain and the Caribbean.

The Hate U Give (12+) **Angle Thomas**

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.



The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+)

Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Willaims, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.



Still I Rise (11+) Maya Angelou

"You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise."



BBC Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's Noughts and Crosses.

In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?



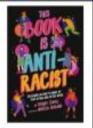
Crongton Knights (12+) Alex Wheatle

McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.



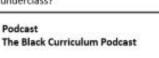
This Book is Anti-Racist (10+) Tiffany Jewell

Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.



What Stephen Lawrence Taught Us (12+) Benjamin Zephaniah

"As we continue emptying our pockets on the pavements, And we continue to ask ourselves Why is it so official That black people are so often killed Without killers?"

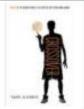


Available on Spotify and Apple Podcast, this podcast explores British Black history with short discussion on topics such as sound system culture and the Bristol bus boycott.



The Crossover (10+) Kwame Alexander

Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.



Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up Melissa Cummings-Quarry (14+)

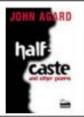
Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.



Half Caste (12+) John Agard

"but yu must come back tomorrow

Wid de whole of yu eye And de whole of yu ear And de whole of yu mind."



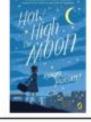
Film Black Panther

T'Challa is the king of Wakanda, the secretive and highly advanced African nation, as well as the powerful warrior known as the Black Panther. This is the first Marvel film with a predominantly black cast.



How High The Moon (14+) Karyn Parsons

In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But can the reality ever live up to Ella's dreams?



Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies (9+)

The lives and achievements of leading lights as diverse as Stormzy, basketball star LeBron James, poet and novelist Maya Angelou are chronicled in this excellent book that follows (MADERS, LEGENDS, LEGENDS black history across many centuries to today's contemporary world.



waiting on the mayflower (14+) **Evie Shockley**

"I. august 1619

arrived in a boat, named and unnamed, twenty, pirated

away from a portuguese slaver, traded for victuals,"

Kara Walker

Kara Elizabeth Walker is an American contemporary painter, silhouettist, print-maker who explores races and identity in her work. She is best known for her room-size tableaux of black cut-paper silhouettes.



BLACK COMPOSERS

▶ Give Me One Reason









Stubat Mater

Black History Month is dedicated to celebrating and learning about Black heritage. It gives everyone the opportunity to recognise the achievements of and share appreciation of those with African or Caribbean backgrounds.

This calendar is a celebration of black composers and is intended to inspire everyone to explore the lives and works of these great musicians.



The EDI Teams inspirational Individuals





Dame Shirley Bassey DBE



Dame Shirley Bassey DBE is a Welsh singer of Nigerian and English descent. She is best known for her strident sultry voice, sequined gowns, and lavish jewelry. She recorded the theme songs to three James Bond films as well as 'Hey Big Spender' and 'I'm coming up'



Yasmin Finney



At just 19-years-old, Yasmin Finney has made television history with the Netflix series 'Heartstopper,' which is now in its second season, and 'Doctor Who'. She has said that "Being a black trans woman is part of who I am, I feel like I have a little bit of Marsha P Johnson in me but it's not all that I am, I've been surrounded by empowered Black women my whole life. ".



Malory Blackman



Her parents were both from Barbados and had come to Britain as part of the "Windrush generation". Malories Blackman has written over seventy books for children and young adults, including the Noughts & Crosses series, Thief and a science-fiction thriller, Chasing the Stars.



Estelle



Estelle Fanta Swaray (born 18 January 1980) is a Black British singer from West London. She is known for her eclectic mix of various musical genres including R&B, soul, reggae, grime, hip hop, and dance. She has collaborated with artists including John Legend, Robin Thicke, Rick Ross, Chris Brown, will.i.am, Kanye West, Pete Rock, David Guetta and Tyler.



Corinna Brown



Corinna Brown is an English actress, from an African background. She is a dancer, performer, choreographer, and movement therapist who is known for her portrayal of Tara Jones (2022–present)



Kelvin Swaby



Born in Jamaica on March 28, 1973 Kelvin Swaby is a singer/songwriter who is known for his work with the English band The Heavy, which were formed in 2007. He is the lead singer



Corrine Bailey Rae



Corrine Bailey Rae is a British singer and songwriter and was the fourth female British act in history to have her first album debut at number one. She is best known for her 2006 hit single "Put Your Records On" and became also became the number one predicted breakthrough act in the same year. Since then, Corinne has been nominated for 3 Grammys and 3 Brit awards, won 2 MOBO awards and just released her 3rd studio album last month.



Cyrille Regis



Cyrille Regis, MBE (9 February 1958 – 14 January 2018) was a professional footballer who played as a forward. Regis was born on 9 February 1958 in Maripasoula, French Guiana. His family moved to England in 1962. His professional playing career spanned 19 years, where he made 614 league appearances and scored 158 league goals, most prolifically at West Bromwich Albion and Coventry City. Regis also won five caps with the England national team.

Black History Month - The EDI Teams 'best go to websites' for educating yourself

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me/the-story-of-windrush/

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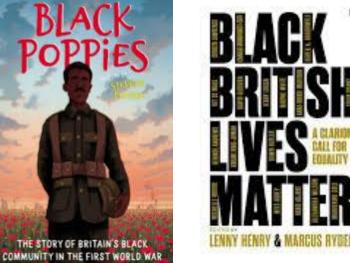
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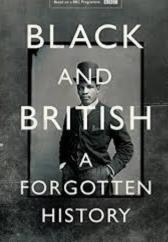
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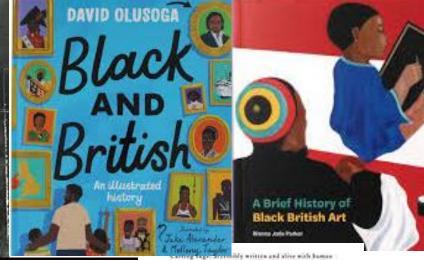
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- Black History Month website: https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/
- African Kingdoms: https://africankingdoms.co.uk/
- Painting Our Past: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/painting-our-past/
- Black and British, A Short Essential History by David Olusoga
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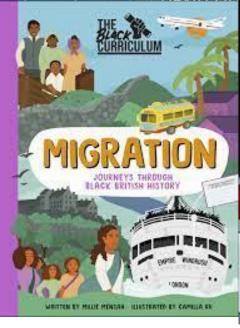


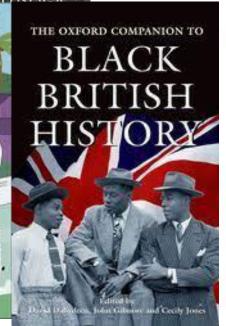


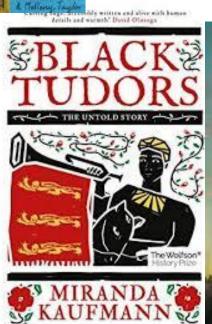








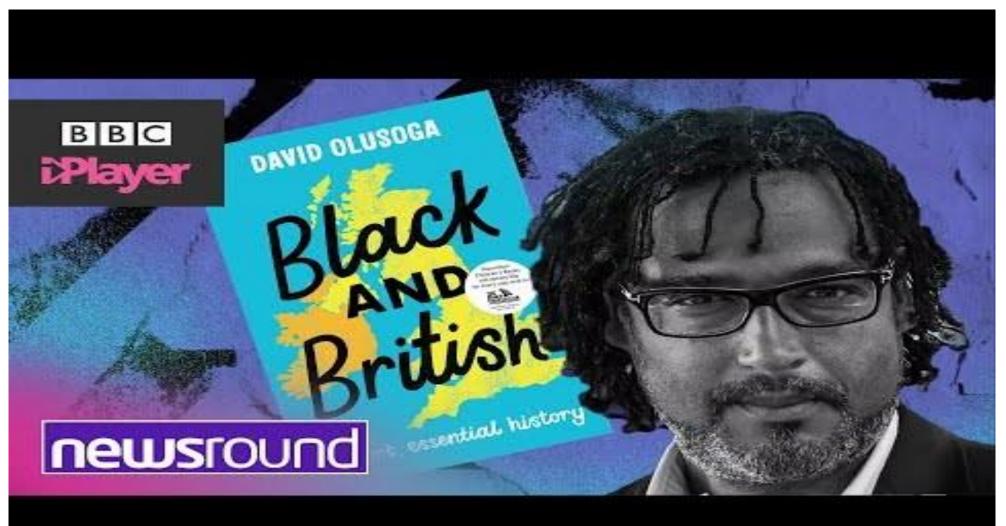


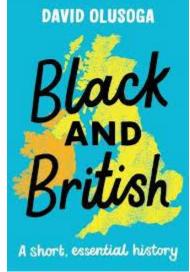




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Click on the picture to watch a video by Historian David Olusoga on his book Black and British

Miss Jemal's Happy Chocolate Cup Cake Recipe

This is my go to happy recipe. This is a simple chocolate cupcake recipe but it brings lots of smiles.

- 200g plain flour
- 130g sugar
- 40g cocoa powder
- 40g butter
- 180ml milk
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- Preheat oven to 180
- Put flour, sugar and cocoa powder in a bowl and mix together
- Add butter to the dry ingredients and mix until smooth
- Put milk into a jug and add slowly into the bowl while mixing
- Add egg, baking powder and vanilla extract and mix
- Once cupcake mixture is smooth, add to cupcake cases
- Put it in the over for 25 minutes
- Let it cool and ice
- Then enjoy:)



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Novembers theme – Disability (visible, invisible & young carers)

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