

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## GHANAIAN PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE

Black History Month has been celebrated in the USA since 1970 and was launched in 1984 in London by a man from Ghana called Akyaaba Addai-Sebo. He came to the UK in 1984 as a refugee, and his aim was for the local community to challenge racism and educate themselves and others about the British history of black people that was not taught in schools.

To celebrate Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, we have put together a resource of influential Ghanaian people for you to research further about their achievements and the impact they have had.

### Task

1. Choose one person from the list below to research further and make notes about
2. Partner with someone who has researched a different person and spend five minutes teaching each other about what you have learnt.

## MUSIC

### Stormzy

Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Jr., known professionally as Stormzy, is a British rapper, singer and songwriter. Born in Croydon, South London, Stormzy is of Ghanaian heritage and advocates for Black British excellence through his music.



### Fuse ODG



Fuse ODG, whose real name is Nana Richard Abiona, is a British-Ghanaian singer, songwriter, and rapper. He was born in London and raised in Ghana.

He founded the TINA (This Is New Africa) movement to encourage Africans to use their skills in rebuilding their communities and take pride in their cultural heritage.

## SPORT

### Anita Asante

Anita Asante, a British Ghanaian former football player and now coach, was born and raised in London. She is known for being the first coach for Bristol City. She won 71 caps for the English football team and was selected for the Great Britain squad for the 2012 London Olympics.

Anita grew up being part of the England Under 17 team and England Under 19 team. Anita was part of the 1998 Arsenal team, winning the quadruple in 2006/2007, collecting the UEFA Women's Cup, FA Women's National Premier League, FA Women's Cup and the FA Women's Premiere League Cup.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### Idris Akuna Elba OBE

Idris Akuna Elba OBE is known for the likes of the TV series Luther, The Wire and The US Office. He is also known for films such as Thor, Avengers: Age of Ultron and the biographical film Mandela: Long walk to freedom.

He is an advocate for Africa through his work by exploring types of African music in the series 'Journey Dot Africa with Idris Elba', as well as being vocal about the lack of diversity on screen in the UK. He has also played a big role in charities such as The Prince's Trust.



### Michaela Coel



Michaela Coel, a British Ghanaian actress, born and raised in Hackney is a writer and film director known for her famous award-winning shows.

She was the first black woman to win an Emmy award for outstanding writing.