

# SALUTING OUR SISTERS: BEING A LEADER

CELEBRATING BLACK WOMEN IN BRITISH HISTORY



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## Introduction to Black History Month

- Every October, we remember Black History Month in the UK.
- It's a special time to learn about the amazing things Black people have done in Britain.
- 2023's theme is: "Saluting our Sisters."





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## Why We Celebrate Black Women

- Black women have done some really important things.
- They've helped make the world fairer and kinder.
- Even though sometimes their stories aren't told as much, they are super important!



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## Being a Leader as a Black Woman

- Being a leader is a big job.
- For Black women, there have been some extra tough challenges.
- But these women show us that you can do great things no matter what!





# BARONESS LAWRENCE

**FROM TRAGEDY TO  
TRIUMPH: THE  
INSPIRING LEGACY**

## **Who Is Baroness Lawrence (Doreen Lawrence)?**

Baroness Lawrence is a very brave mum. After a sad event with her son, Stephen, she used her strength to share his story and make changes for other people. Now, she is a big voice in a grand building called the House of Lords, where she talks about important things to help everyone.

## **Cool Facts About Baroness Lawrence:**

- **A Brave Mum:** Baroness Lawrence used her courage to tell everyone about her son Stephen's story and ensure people remember him.
- **Helping Changes:** She started a foundation in Stephen's name to help young people and make things fairer for everyone.
- **House of Lords:** Baroness Lawrence is part of the House of Lords, a special place where she can talk about and help with big decisions for the country.
- **Inspiration:** Baroness Lawrence shows us that even in tough times, we can use our voices and actions to make the world a better place.

Learning from Baroness Lawrence: Baroness Lawrence teaches us the power of love, strength, and determination. She reminds us that we can turn our sadness into action and make a big difference in the world. Everyone can be a hero in their own way, just like Baroness Lawrence.

### **Who was Dame Jocelyn Barrow?**

Dame Jocelyn Barrow was an incredible woman who has helped make schools, jobs, and many places in the UK fairer for everyone, no matter their background. She's stood up for people's rights and made sure everyone gets a chance to succeed.

### **Cool Facts About Dame Jocelyn Barrow:**

- **Standing Up for Fairness:** Dame Jocelyn helped create laws in the UK that make sure everyone is treated equally.
- **Educator:** She believed that education can change lives, and she worked hard to make schools better places for all children.
- **Big Honours:** Because of her amazing work, she was given the title "Dame", which is a very special honour.
- **Trailblazer:** Dame Jocelyn was the first black woman to be a governor of the BBC. That's a big job!

Learning from Dame Jocelyn Barrow: Dame Jocelyn teaches us that everyone deserves to be treated fairly and with kindness. She shows us that when we see something that's not right, we should stand up and make a change. With hard work, determination, and a caring heart, we can make the world a better place.







# DAME LINDA DOBBS

**PIONEERING EQUITY  
FROM THE BENCH**

## **Who is Dame Linda Dobbs?**

Dame Linda Dobbs is a special lady who made history in the UK. She became the first Black person to be a High Court judge. That's a very important job where you make decisions in court. She showed that anyone can achieve their dreams if they work hard and believe in themselves.

## **Cool Facts About Dame Linda:**

- **Making History:** In 2004, Dame Linda became the first Black High Court judge in the UK.
- **Helping Others:** As a judge, she made sure that people were treated fairly and justly.
- **Education:** Dame Linda studied law, which means she learned all about rules and how to help people using them.
- **Recognition:** Because of her hard work and how she helped so many people, she was called "Dame", a special title of honour in the UK.

Dame Linda Dobbs shows us that with dedication and passion, you can reach high positions and make big changes. She's a wonderful example of how we can break barriers and create a fair world for everyone.

## Who is Valda James?

Valda James is an amazing woman who did many important things to help people in a place called Islington. She became the Mayor of Islington, which means she was a leader helping the community. This was special because she was the first black woman to do this! She showed everyone that it's important to work hard and be kind to make our towns and cities even better.

## Cool Facts About Valda:

- Important Firsts: Valda was the first black woman to become a leader, called a mayor, in Islington in London
- Moving to Britain: Valda moved to Britain in 1961 with lots of hopes and dreams.
- Working Mum: Valda was a strong mum, working in different jobs like cooking, nursing, and making clothes to take care of her family she is now 95.
- Helping Islington: Before she was mayor, Valda was elected to help make decisions in Islington and worked hard to make sure families and children were looked after.

Valda James teaches us that no matter where we come from, we can do important things and help lots of people. She showed that with hard work and care, anyone can make their dreams come true. Valda is a shining example for all of us!







# BARONESS VALERIE AMOS

**DEFINING DESTINY: THE  
RADIANT LEGACY OF  
BARONESS VALERIE AMOS**

## **Who Is Baroness Valerie Amos?**

Baroness Amos is a super smart and kind woman who has done many important jobs to help people in the UK and all over the world. She has worked in places like the United Nations and now helps run a big university.

## **Cool Facts About Baroness Valerie Amos:**

- **Helping the World:** Baroness Amos was the first black woman to serve in a British Cabinet and the House of Lords. That's a big deal!
- **United Nations:** She has worked at the United Nations, a place where countries come together to solve big problems.
- **Big University Job:** Baroness Amos is the person in charge (called the Director) of a university in London, where students come to learn and grow.
- **Breaking Barriers:** She shows us that with hard work, anyone, no matter where they come from, can achieve their dreams.

Learning from Baroness Valerie Amos: Baroness Amos teaches us that we can achieve anything if we work hard and believe in ourselves. She shows us that we can make a difference in the world, no matter how big or small. With passion and determination, anyone can become a leader and inspire others.

### **Who is Joanne Anderson?**

Joanne Anderson was an important leader of a big city called Liverpool. She made lots of decisions to help the people in the city and make it a better place. Joanne showed us that with hard work and care, anyone can become a leader and help their community.

### **Cool Facts About Joanne:**

- **Big City Leader:** Joanne was in charge of Liverpool, which is one of the famous cities in the UK.
- **Making Choices:** As a leader, Joanne had to decide on many things to make Liverpool even better for everyone.
- **Breaking Barriers:** Joanne was the first Black woman to lead a major city in the UK, showing that anyone, no matter their background, can achieve great things.
- **Inspiration:** Joanne is a great example of how working hard and caring for others can lead to becoming a leader in the community.

Learning from Joanne Anderson: Joanne Anderson teaches us that with determination and passion, anyone can achieve their dreams and help their community. She reminds us that we can all be leaders in our own way, making a difference wherever we are!







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## Why These Stories Matter

- These women have done amazing things.
- They teach us to be brave, smart, and kind.
- We can all learn from them and be inspired.



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## Let's Think Together!

- What did you learn from these amazing women?
- How can we remember their stories and share them with others?