

# LGBT+ History Month



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# Aims

- To understand what LGBT+ stands for and find out why we need an LGBT+ History Month.
- To learn about what LGBT+ History Month is.
- To explore how we can celebrate LGBT+ History Month.

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# LGBT+ History Month



Since 2005 when it was founded, LGBT+ History Month has been celebrated every year in February. This is a chance to celebrate the history and recognise the rights of LGBTQ+ people.



Do you know what LGBT+ stands for?

# What Does LGBTQ+ Stand For?

**Lesbian:** a woman who is attracted to other women.

**Gay:** a man who is attracted to other men or a woman who is attracted to other women.

**Bisexual:** a person who is attracted to both men and women.

**Transgender:** describes someone whose gender identity (how they feel) is different from the sex they were registered with at birth.

+ The '+' represents other members of the community who do not feel that they fit into any of these categories.

You might sometimes see LGBTQ+. The Q can stand for queer or questioning. Queer can be a term that some people who don't feel that they identify with any of the other labels use to describe themselves. Questioning is when someone is exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.

# LGBTQ+ Activism

Unfortunately, discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation or gender identity has happened in the past and continues to happen today.



How does this make you feel?

# LGBTQ+ Activism

People have fought for equality for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities over the years and to help end the persecution and prejudice suffered by many.



**1969 Stonewall Riots**  
Demonstrations in response to a police raid on a gay club in New York. These riots started the gay rights movement in America and around the world.

**1970 First Gay Pride in New York**  
A march on the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which encouraged individual freedom and celebrated diversity.



**1972 First Gay Pride in London**

**1978 The Debut of the Rainbow Flag**  
During the San Francisco Gay Pride event, the symbol associated with Pride was established.



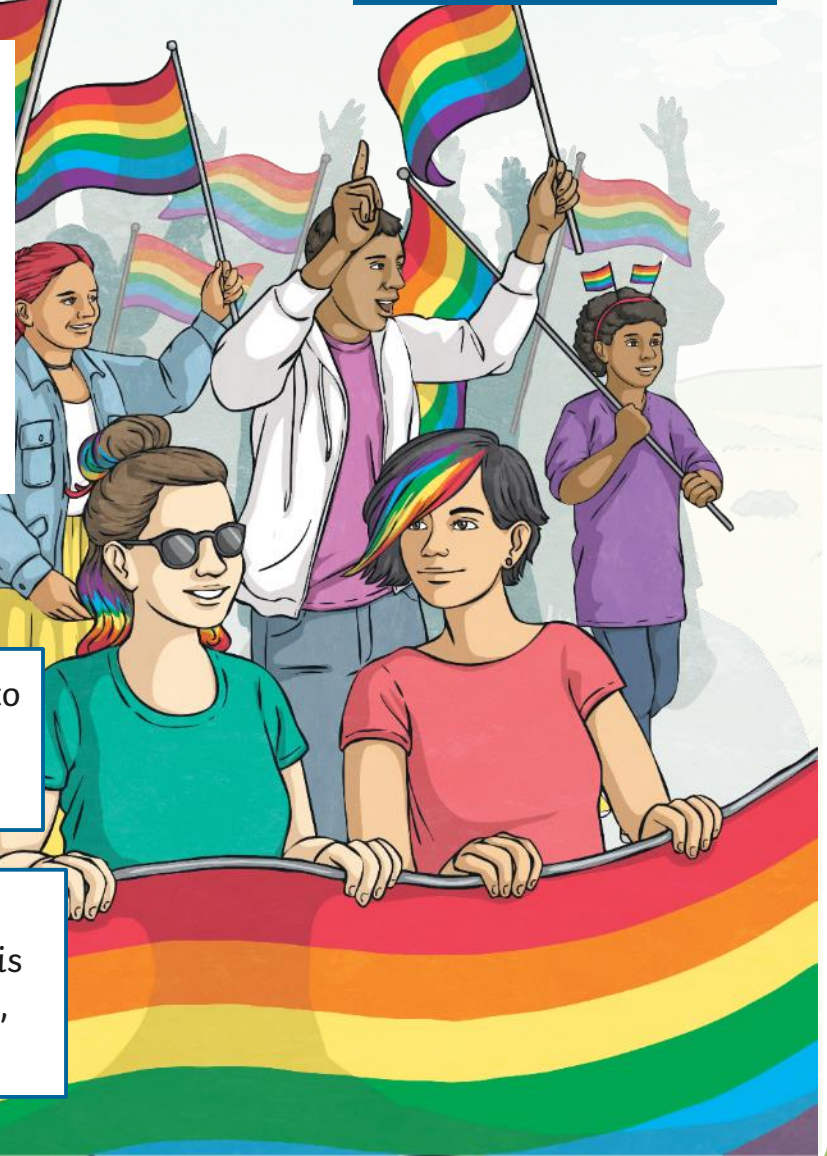
## LGBTQ+ Activism

### During the 1980s and Beyond

As a result of continued persecution, Pride events involved activists speaking out about issues facing the LGBTQ+ community. Although there is still more to do to ensure equality for all, as a result of people speaking out, acceptance and understanding of the LGBTQ+ community has improved.

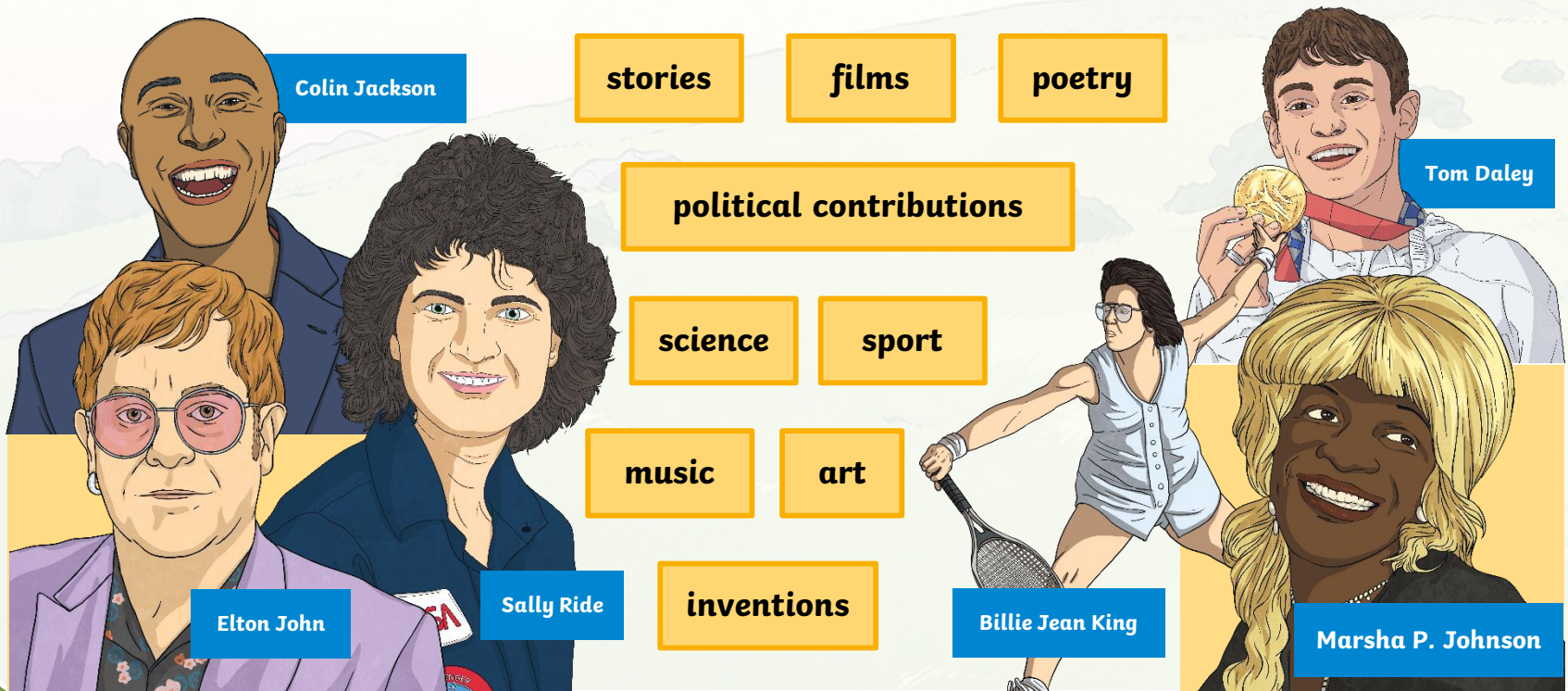
LGBT+ History Month is an annual event to remember the history of the LGBTQ+ community and their fight for equality.

It is also a time for us all to think about how we can live in a way which celebrates diversity and is respectful of all people and their right to live safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.



# Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

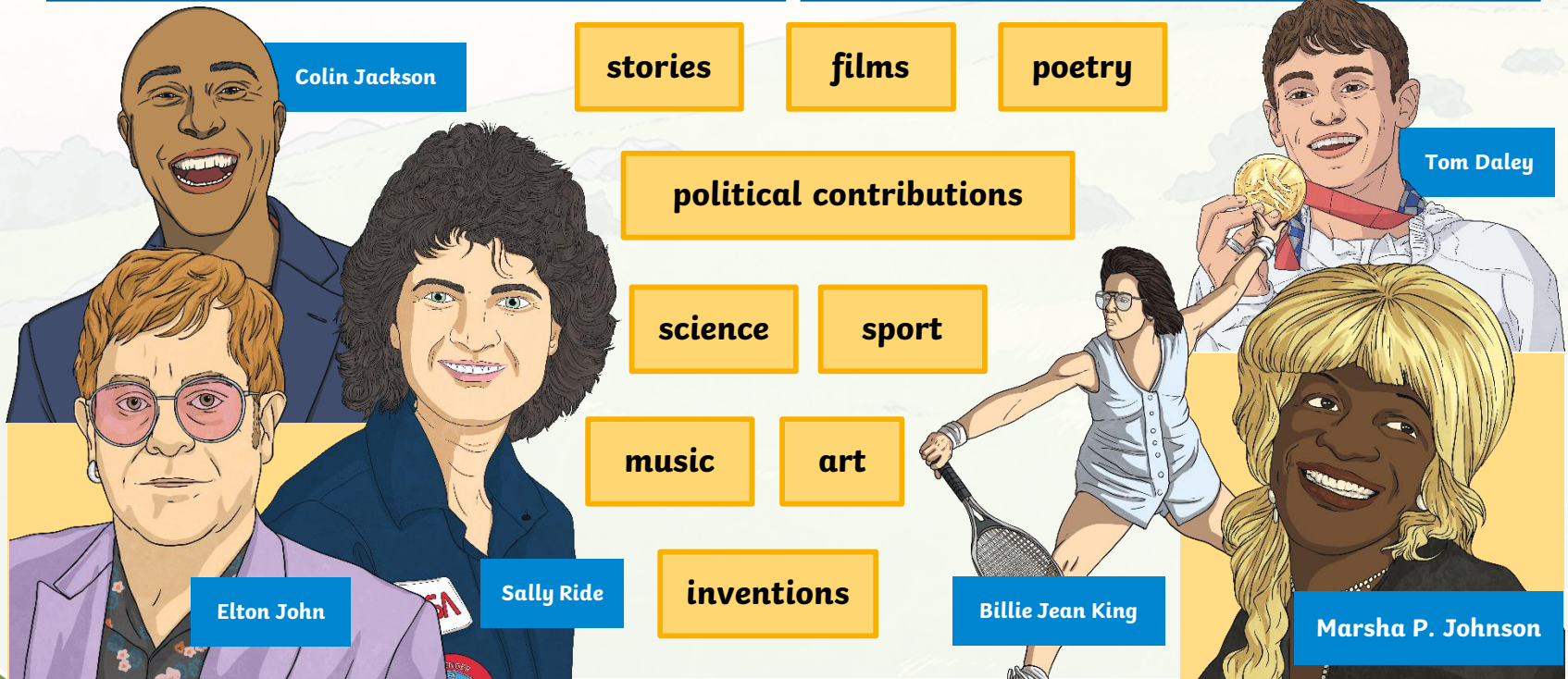
The aim of LGBTQ+ History Month is to celebrate the history and recognise the rights of LGBTQ+ people. This is something we can all do, this month and all the time! We can learn about famous LGBTQ+ people through:



# Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

Why do you think it is important to recognise and celebrate these achievements?

How do you think celebrating these achievements contributes to a fairer, more equal society?



# Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

## We can:

- ask questions;
- use positive, respectful words;
- raise awareness of inequalities that have existed and stand against these;
- challenge stereotypes;
- speak out against unfair treatment;
- be the person you want to be;
- encourage friends and family to be themselves;
- value and respect the differences between us all and recognise these as things to be celebrated.



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