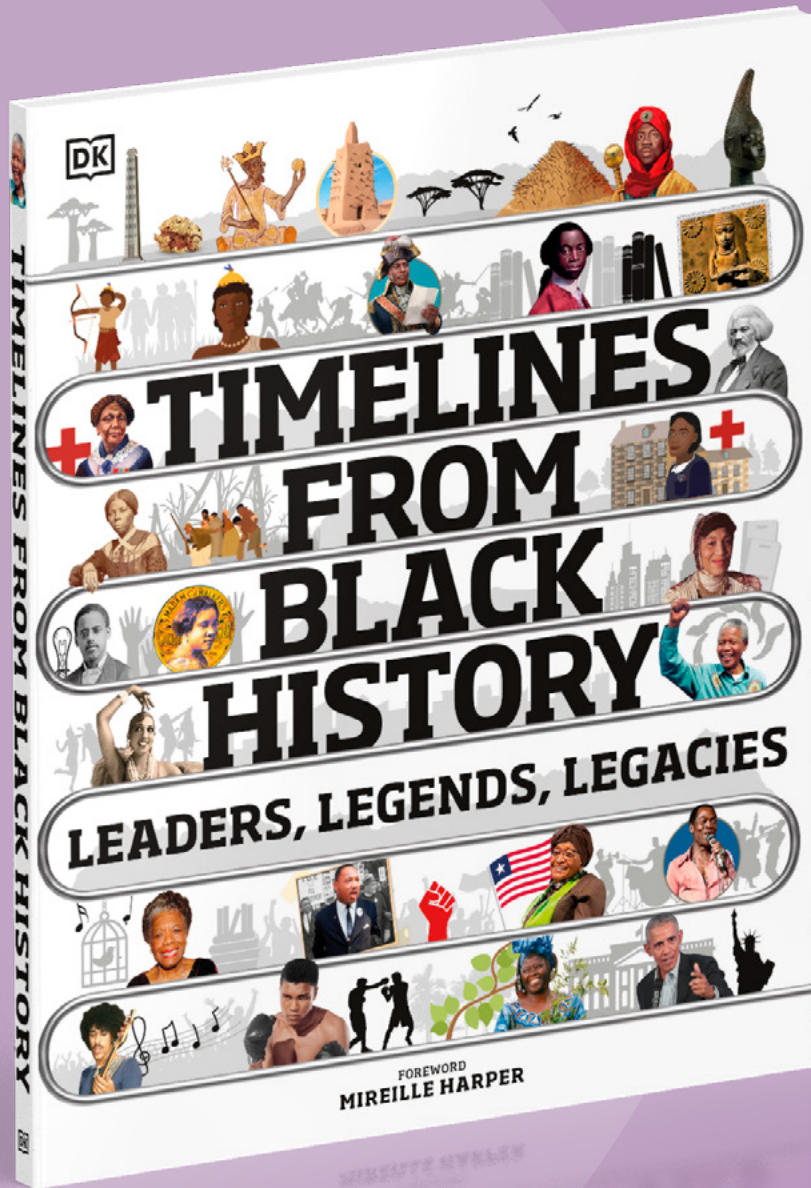


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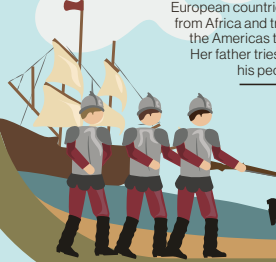
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Incredible legacies pack



European pressure

Nzinga Mbandi is born. Her father is the king of the Ndongo people. At this time, European countries are taking people from Africa and transporting them to the Americas to work as slaves. Her father tries his best to keep his people safe.



c.1583...

Raids on Ndongo

Nzinga's father dies, and her brother becomes the king. Portuguese soldiers and raiders have established a fort near Ndongo, and begin raiding and enslaving some of the Ndongo people.



c.1617...

Peace treaty

Nzinga's brother sends her to meet with the Portuguese to negotiate a peace treaty. To show their authority over Nzinga, the Portuguese do not offer her a chair. When the Portuguese refuse to get her a chair, her assistant lays down so she can sit on him. Nzinga negotiates an end to the Portuguese raids in exchange for an agreement to trade with them.



c.1622

Regent

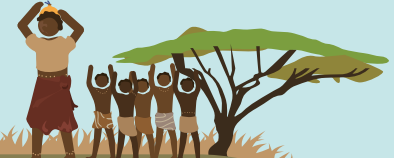
Nzinga's brother dies. As his heir is too young to rule, Nzinga rules in his place as regent. Some of her tribespeople disagree with this decision.



1624

Becoming queen

The heir to the throne dies, and Nzinga decides to rule herself. Some believe that she had a hand in the heir's death and others feel that a woman should not rule, but she has support from many of her people.



c.1624

c.1626...

African rulers

Africa has produced many great leaders with compelling stories that often do not get as much attention as they deserve.

King Ezana of Aksum (c.303–c.350)

Ezana ruled over Aksum (a region made up of parts of modern-day Ethiopia and Eritrea). He converted to Christianity as a child, and Aksum became the first Christian kingdom in Africa as a result. He had numerous stone obelisks made that recorded his achievements.



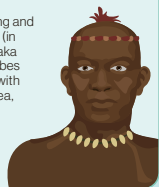
Queen Amina of Zazzau (c.1533–1610)

Queen Amina was a skilled military leader who expanded the city-state of Zazzau (in modern-day Nigeria). To protect Zazzau from its enemies, Amina built huge walls around each of her military camps. Some of these walls are still standing today.



Shaka Zulu (c.1787–1828)

Shaka Zulu emerged as a strong and skilled chief of the Zulu Empire (in modern-day South Africa). Shaka added land from conquered tribes into his empire. He had got on with the European powers in the area, but many of his people grew tired of his rule. He was eventually assassinated by his half-brother.

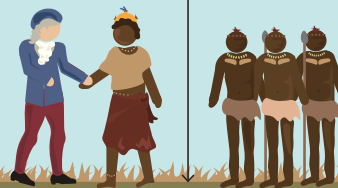


Nzinga Mbandi

Queen Nzinga Mbandi (c.1583–1663) ruled the kingdoms of Ndongo and Matamba (in modern-day Angola). Mbandi spent most of her reign defending her land from Portuguese colonization, and from raiders trying to enslave her people.

Dutch alliance

Nzinga allies with the Dutch, Portugal's European rival in the area. Nzinga begins to prepare for an attack on the Portuguese with Dutch help, which she hopes will help her reclaim Ndongo.



1641

Military moves

In Matamba, the Imbangala, a group of African soldiers who had been trained by the Portuguese, join Nzinga. She declares herself the queen of Matamba after conquering the region.



1630

Betrayal

The Portuguese break the treaty, and attack Nzinga's people, who are forced to flee Ndongo to the nearby kingdom of Matamba. This marks the beginning of what will be a 30-year war between Nzinga and Portugal.



c.1647...

c.1646

Unlikely allies

Nzinga's forces, along with her Dutch allies, claim a huge victory against the Portuguese. The following year, Portugal calls in reinforcements from their colony in Brazil, and fight back by expelling the Dutch. Nzinga's forces must fight on, without Dutch help.



Warrior queen

With the help of the Imbangala and the Dutch, Nzinga has more of a chance against the Portuguese. Even though she is well past fighting age, Nzinga personally leads her troops into battles.



War continues

The back-and-forth war between the Portuguese and Nzinga's forces rumbles on. Though both sides win important victories, neither is able to beat the other completely and to bring the war to an end.

1648...

Peace again

Nzinga's refusal to back down eventually tires the Portuguese armies out. They sign a peace treaty with Nzinga to end the war, and return Ndongo to her. She rules both Ndongo and Matamba until her death in 1663.



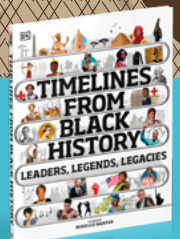
1656–1663



Many Black people have fought long and hard for peace, just like Queen Nzinga Mbandi did for her people.

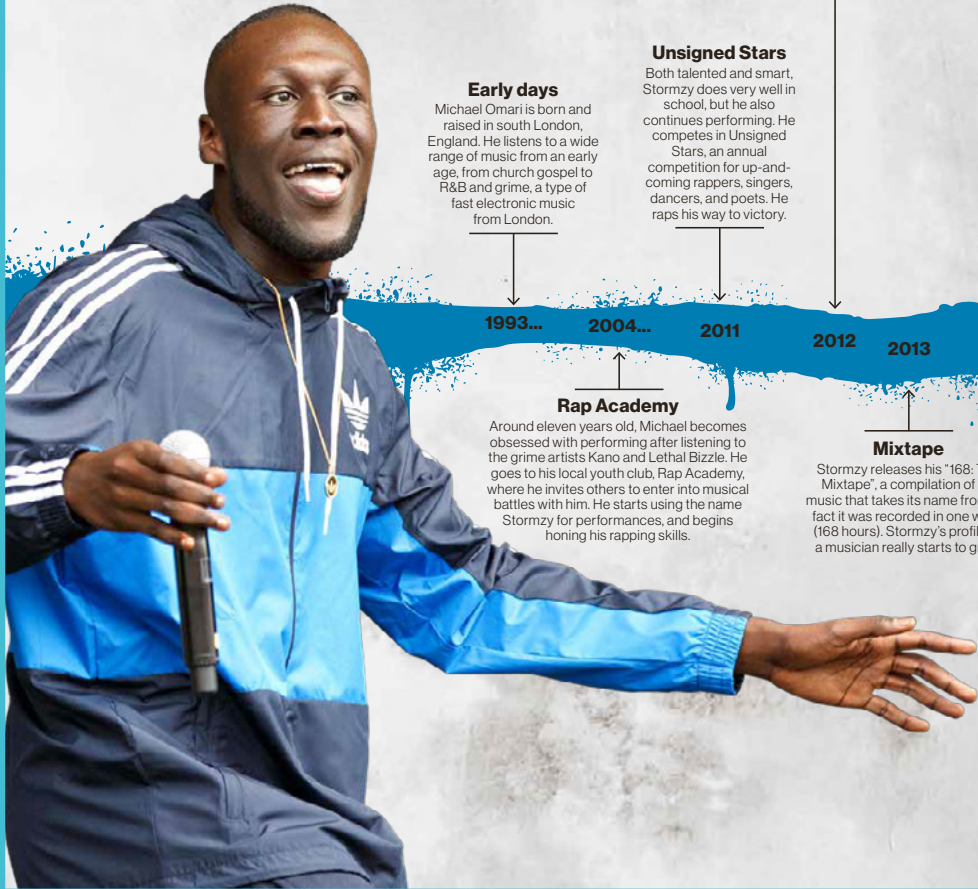
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Stormzy

Born Michael Omari, Stormzy is one of England's most successful musicians of the 21st century. In 2017, his debut album, *Gang Signs and Prayer*, became the first grime album to hit No.1 in the UK album charts. A year later, he launched #Merky Books, aimed at discovering new and diverse voices in literature.



Early days

Michael Omari is born and raised in south London, England. He listens to a wide range of music from an early age, from church gospel to R&B and grime, a type of fast electronic music from London.

1993...

Unsigned Stars

Both talented and smart, Stormzy does very well in school, but he also continues performing. He competes in Unsigned Stars, an annual competition for up-and-coming rappers, singers, dancers, and poets. He raps his way to victory.

2004...

2011

Rap Academy

Around eleven years old, Michael becomes obsessed with performing after listening to the grime artists Kano and Lethal Bizzle. He goes to his local youth club, Rap Academy, where he invites others to enter into musical battles with him. He starts using the name Stormzy for performances, and begins honing his rapping skills.

2012 2013

Mixtape

Stormzy releases his "168: The Mixtape", a compilation of his music that takes its name from the fact it was recorded in one week (168 hours). Stormzy's profile as a musician really starts to grow.

College and music

Following his win, Stormzy graduates from high school. He finds college difficult and eventually drops out. He begins an engineering apprenticeship, but becomes swayed by his growing passion for making and performing music.



Dreamers Disease

Stormzy quits his apprenticeship to focus fully on music. He releases *Dreamers Disease* – a seven-track mini-album. He later wins Best Grime Act at the Music of Black Origin (MOBO) Awards – an annual award show that recognizes achievements in a range of musical genres such as R&B, gospel, hip-hop, and grime.

2014 2015

Debut album

Gang Signs and Prayer, Stormzy's debut full-length album, is released through his own record label, #Merky Records. It becomes the first grime album to reach No.1 in the UK album chart. He wins numerous awards, including Artist of the Year at the BBC Music Awards.

2017

Hiatus

Stormzy criticizes the BRIT Award panel – who give awards for achievements in the British music industry – for not recognizing the grime music genre. After releasing a song titled "Scary", Stormzy goes on a year-long hiatus from social media in order to concentrate working on his debut full-length album.



Huge success

"Vossi Bop", the first track to be taken from Stormzy's second album, *Heavy Is the Head*, reaches No.1 in the UK singles chart. Later, Stormzy becomes the first grime artist to headline the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury Festival – the biggest stage of the largest music festival in the UK. His performance is widely praised.

2018

2019 2020...

Black British music

Young Black British musicians have stormed the charts and made huge contributions to British music culture in recent years.

Lady Leshurr (b.1988)
Lady Leshurr is a British rapper, songwriter, singer, and producer. In 2015, her freestyle "Queen's Speech" raps went viral, and a year later, she won a MOBO Award. Leshurr is a mental-health advocate and has established numerous youth clubs.

Krept (b.1990) and Konan (b.1989)

Krept and Konan are a British rap duo. In 2017, they became the first act to have two mixtapes in the UK top 10 album chart. In 2018, they opened their dessert restaurant, Crepes and Cones. Passionate about charity work, their Positive Direction Foundation works to inspire creativity in young people.

Dave (b.1998)

Dave is a British rapper, singer, songwriter, actor, and producer. In 2018, he won the Ivor Novello Award for his politically-charged song, "Question Time", and a year later, he won the BRIT Award for his album, *Psychodrama*. Dave is also a self-taught classical pianist.



#Merky Books

Stormzy launches his publishing company, #Merky Books, with the aim of focusing on new and exciting authors and poets. His memoir, *Rise Up*, is the first book published, and is a big success. He later performs a freestyle rap at the BRIT Awards, criticizing Prime Minister Theresa May for her inaction in response to the Grenfell Tower fire – a tragedy that claimed the lives of more than 70 people in 2017.

Helping others

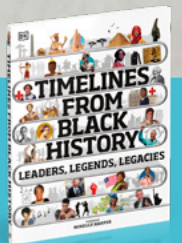
In the aftermath of the Black Lives Matter protests, Stormzy pledges to donate £10 million over the coming decade to UK charitable organizations working to tackle racial inequality, reform the legal system, and encourage Black empowerment in the UK.



Stormzy always tries his best to help others.
What could you do to be helpful in your community?

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“My hope is that the legends, leaders, and legacies in this book speak to you just like the stories from my youth spoke to me.”



Mireille Harper

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Foreword writer of *Timelines from Black History*

Timeline of you!

After reading the previous pages, think about what events have been important in your life.

When you're ready, have a go at drawing and creating your very own timeline of your life so far in the space on this page! What plans do you have for your future? You never know, you could change the world!



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