



Welton Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser



Year: 2

Walter Tull

Timeline

1888	1908	1909	1911	1914	1916	1916	1916	1917	1918
On 28th April, Walter Tull was born in Folkestone, Kent	Walter joined Clapton FC football club	Signed for Tottenham Hotspur at the age of 21	Walter signed for Northampton Town FC	Walter enlisted to fight in World War 1.	Tull was promoted to sergeant.	Walter took part in the Battle of the Somme	In December Walter was sent back to England with trench fever.	Walter fought in Italy and was recognised for his bravery.	On 25th March Walter was shot and killed while leading an attack.

Vocabulary

different	Not the same as another or each other
similar	Almost the same as another or each other
famous	Known about by many people
childhood	The time when are younger than 16
compare	Look for similarities and differences between things
change	Make something or someone different
experiences	An event remembered for a long time
football	A game played between two teams that try to get a ball in a net using their feet
individual	A single person or one of something
achievement	Something done very well with effort, skill or courage
sources	A book or document used to provide information
significant	Important and worth knowing about
timeline	A picture to show the passing of time with important dates and events
continuity	Something that does not change as time passes
racism	Treating someone unfairly because of the way they look
Northampton	A town in south east central England
World War 1	A war between many countries between 1914-1918
images	A drawing, picture or photograph

There are many reasons why someone might be considered to be important in history. It may be that their actions changed things for people or that they achieved something great. Significant people are remembered in lots of different ways. Some have places named after them. Some have their pictures on stamps, coins or statues to commemorate them.

- Walter was born in 1888, in Folkestone, Kent. His father was born in Barbados where his grandmother was a slave and his mother was born in England. When Walter was 7 years old, his mother died. Then, just two years later, his father died. He and his brother, Edward, had to go to a Children's Home in London.
- Walter Tull was an English footballer who played for Northampton Town and Tottenham Hotspur.
- Walter Tull began playing football for the orphanage team and joined Clapton FC in 1908. He was soon named Player of the Season and won the FA Amateur Cup and London Senior Cup. He was signed up by Tottenham Hotspur in 1909, at the age of 21. The team toured Argentina and Uruguay, making Tull the first black player to play in South America. Supporters of the opposing team often insulted Tull because of the colour of his skin.
- He was signed up as half-back for Northampton Town FC in 1911, and he went on to score 9 goals in 110 senior appearances before enlisting to fight in World War I.



- In November 1914, he was sent to France and took part in his first battles. Walter showed courage as a soldier and the other soldiers respected him. In 1916 he was sent back to Britain to be trained as an officer (someone who leads soldiers). Walter became Britain's first black British Army officer to lead white British soldiers into battle.
- In 1917, he fought in Italy. He was widely recognized for his bravery, especially on one occasion where he led over 20 men across a fast flowing river at night.
- In March, 1918, Walter Tull was shot and killed while leading an attack on the German trenches. He was recommended for a Military Cross, and was awarded the British War and Victory Medal.
- A memorial was erected to Walter Tull at Northampton Town FC in 1999. He has been featured on a £5 coin and has been the subject of several biographies and documentaries.