

# History: Significant Individuals from The Past

## Year 2 Summer 2



### Key Vocabulary

<b>pioneer</b>	a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area.
<b>engineer</b>	a person who designs, builds, or maintains engines, machines, or structures.
<b>aviation</b>	the flying of an aircraft.
<b>pilot</b>	a person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.
<b>astronaut</b>	a person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft.
<b>feminist</b>	a person who believes in equal rights for women.
<b>refugee</b>	a person who is forced to leave their country to flee war or a natural disaster.
<b>Lord Mayor</b>	a person who leads a town or city who has been voted for by council members.
<b>role model</b>	a person looked up to by others as someone to be like.
<b>solo</b>	done by one person, alone.

### Website Links

<https://www.helensharman.uk/>  
<https://www.magicmagid.com/>  
<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/amys-aviation/british-aeronautics/meeting-amy-johnson-worlds-famous-woman-pilot/>

### Enquiry Questions

What does it mean to be significant?  
 What do sources and artefacts tell us about the life of Amy Johnson?  
 What makes Helen Sharman a pioneer?  
 Why is Magid Magid historically significant to Sheffield?  
 How do the lives of Helen Sharman, Amy Johnson and Magid Magid compare? What are the similarities and differences?  
 Prove it- What makes a person significant in history?

### Why don't you...

Create a report telling the reader about a significant person?  
 Create a portrait of a significant person?  
 Think of someone who is significant to you and explain why they are important?

### Significant Individuals

<b>Amy Johnson (1903-1941)</b>	<b>Amy Johnson</b> was a spearheading female pilot who set numerous long-distance records during the 1930s.
<b>Helen Sharman (1963-now)</b>	<b>Helen Patricia Sharman</b> is a British <a href="#">chemist</a> who became the first <a href="#">British astronaut</a> and the first woman to visit the <a href="#">Mir</a> space station in 1991.
<b>Magid Magid (1989-now)</b>	Magid Magid came to the UK as a refugee from Somalia and became the youngest ever Lord Mayor in Sheffield in 2018.

### Key Facts

- Helen Sharman was born on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1963 in Sheffield. She graduated in chemistry from the University of Sheffield. Before becoming an astronaut, she worked for a confectionery company where she worked on the chemistry of ice cream and chocolate.
- Amy Johnson was educated at Boulevard Municipal Secondary School (later Kingston High School) and the University of Sheffield, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. She was first female pilot to fly alone from Britain to Australia.
- Magid Magid moved to the UK as a refugee when he was just 5 years old. Life was tough to begin with, having to learn English in a new country. However, he overcame these difficulties to study aquatic zoology at the University of Hull.

### Key Dates

- Helen Sharman began the [Soyuz TM-12](#) mission, which launched on 18 May 1991.
- On 5 January 1941, whilst flying, Amy Johnson went off course in adverse weather conditions.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Magid Magid was sworn in as the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, becoming the youngest councillor to hold the title at just 19 years old.

### Historical Skills

#### **Chronology:**

Use a range of appropriate words and phrases to describe the past  
 Sequence events about the life of a famous person

#### **Historical knowledge and interpretation:**

Explain how their local area was different in the past  
 Discuss people or events they have studied that have contributed to national or international achievements

Explain what is meant by a parliament

Explain why someone in the past acted in the way they did

#### **Historical enquiry:**

Answer questions by using a specific source, such as an information book or artefact

Research the life of a famous Briton from the past using different resources to help them

### Historical Concepts

Significance - Why is Helen Sharman remembered today? How is Amy Johnson a pioneer?  
 Parliament- A place in London where politicians make decisions.