



What do you think this means?

Have you seen or heard anything recently about the Black Lives Matter Movement?

Before you start, make sure you have:

- A piece of paper
- A pen
- Headphones/speakers

→ Watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673> (From point 2:13- 3:21)

- Recently, America has seen huge protests (standing up for things that are not right) following the death of George Floyd, 46. He died after being arrested by police outside a shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- It began with a report of George using a fake money.
- Believing the \$20 note he used to be fake, a store employee reported it to police.
- 30 minutes later, Mr Floyd died.
- All 4 officers involved in his death have been arrested.

- How do you feel now? Write down some of your thoughts and feelings?



What were your initial thoughts and feelings when you heard about what happened to George Floyd?- Share with your grown-up in your house.

What has happened since?

- Since his death there have been some peaceful protests in every state in America. The tension between protestors and police have resulted in some riots (fighting) in some cities.
- People are protesting the systematic racism from police officers in America, wanting change and justice.
- 1 in 1000 black men are likely to be killed by a police officer in America. Black men are 2.5 times more likely to die at the hands of police in America than white men.



What do people want?

- Equality for all races.
- Not to be treated with prejudice depending on what colour your skin is.
- To be free from discrimination from police.
- To have justice for the unlawful killings on black people by police officers





Take a minute to look at the pictures from the protests. Which of the pictures from the protests do you find the most powerful? Talk to your grown-up



What can we do to help combat racism in?

- You have the next 3-4 minutes to think/write down any ways that you think you can do to help tackle racism. Remember to be brave, this is a difficult issue to talk about.
- Whilst you think, have a read of the quotes below.

Treat racism like Covid-19 – assume you have it.
You may be asymptomatic. Racism is the disease.
You may be the carrier but the aim is not to
destroy the host but eradicate and kill the
disease’ – Vanessa Kingori, British Vogue
Publishing Director



‘No more seeing people of colour as less than human. We
can no longer look away’ – Beyoncé, singer



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use
to change the world.” Nelson Mandela former South African
President.

“No one is born hating another person because of the colour
of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must
learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be
taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human
heart than its opposite.” Nelson Mandela former South
African President.



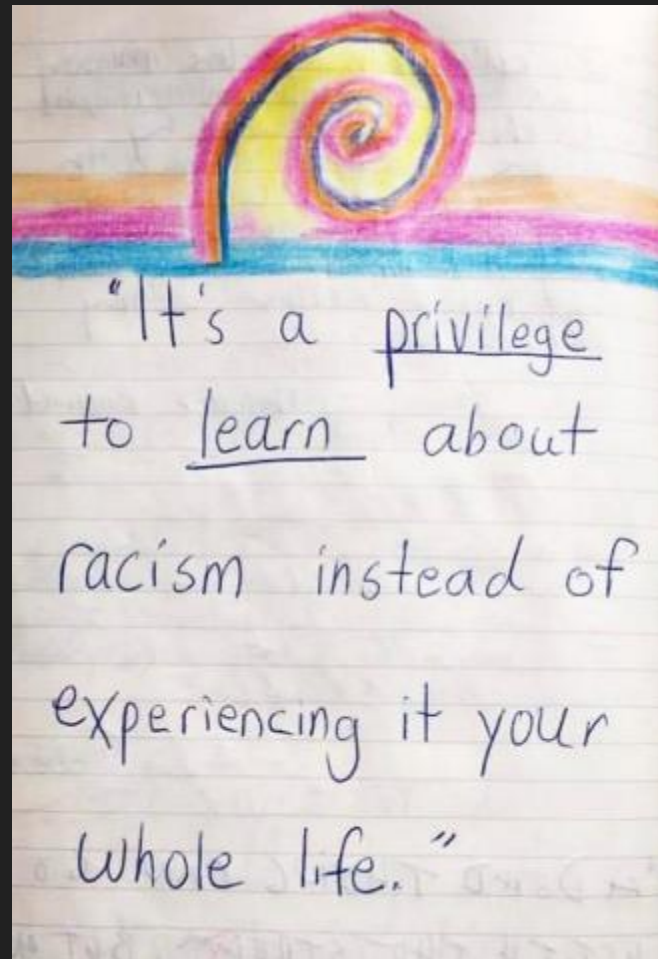
Why should we care in the UK?

Discrimination, prejudice and racism against black people happens in the UK too.

- Black workers with degrees earn 23.1 percent less on average than White workers.
- Race hate crimes on Britain's railway networks have risen by 37 per cent.
- If you are an ethnic minority person, you are more likely to live in poverty.
- Black people are more likely to get stopped by the police, compared to white people.



What
message are
these images
trying to
portray?





WE SAID → BLACK LIVES
MATTER

NEVER SAID → ONLY BLACK
LIVES MATTER

WE KNOW → ALL LIVES
MATTER

WE JUST NEED YOUR HELP
WITH #BLACKLIVESMATTER
FOR BLACK LIVES are in DANGER!

What can YOU read?

[Celebrating Black Boys Matter](#)

[15 Children's books to spark conversations around racism](#)



Task

- Use your experiences from this PowerPoint to:
- Write a letter to George Floyd's family explaining how you feel and what you are going to do in your everyday life to combat racism and prejudice.
- Create a slogan/message that you could display at a protest that has a powerful anti-racism message
- If you were the president of the USA, describe what you would implement to stop the killings of black men and women



Furthermore, we stand together with all who fight racism, bigotry and hatred. We believe that the equal rights and opportunities guaranteed by our laws are, as the founders of this great land proclaimed, "inalienable rights" which derive from our Sacred Scripture. As a faithful Jewish community, we stand together with all who defend the rights of others, especially the "widow, the orphan and the stranger."

We also condemn the lawlessness of the few who defile the memory of George Floyd and others, by rioting and looting. The key to effecting positive change is through peaceful demonstration, not through destroying property, looting and harming others.

Justice for George

