

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Secondary 45



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.



Learning at home?

This lesson works best in "Full Screen" mode – click the icon at the bottom right of your screen or use the "F5" key to start from the beginning. Use the space bar, mouse or arrow keys to click through!

Learning from home

Here are some **ideas of how to get the most out of this lesson at home.**

Text a friend to arrange a video call so you can do some of the **activities together.**



Explore the topic with a family member—how is their opinion different to yours?



You might need a pen and paper if you want to complete some of these activities.



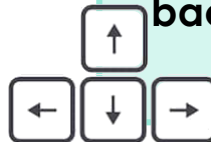
How to use this lesson...

Use these buttons to get the most out of your lesson.

Find this button in the bottom right of your screen to **start your lesson.**



Use the **arrow keys** to **go forwards and backwards** through your lesson.



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In the classroom?

You need the same things, but will need to swap the parent for a partner!

Learning independently?

Use the purple boxes to explore your ideas independently!

Don't forget to vote...

You can find the link to do this on the final slide. Get your whole household involved!

Feedback: “Do you get enough sleep?”



“I think I get enough sleep because I spend a couple of minutes reading so it clears my mind then go to sleep.”

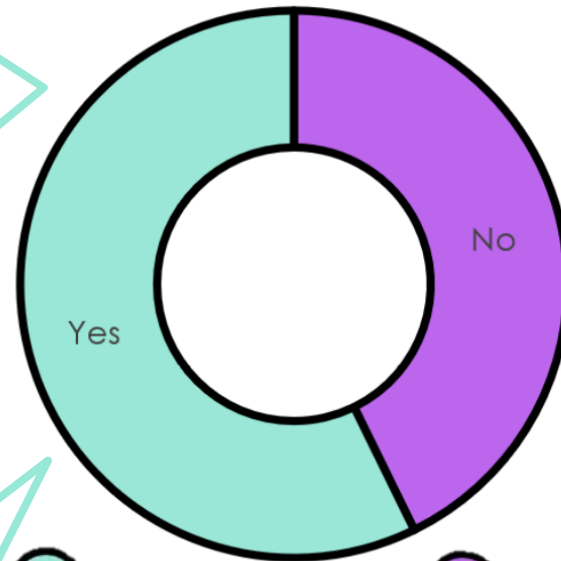
Outwood Academy
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“I find it is easier to get more sleep and feel well rested because I work hard during the day.”


Bristol Free School

“I think I do because I don't really get tired that much and I stay focused on the schoolwork and sports.”

Greatfields Secondary School



 Yes
57.3%

 No
42.7%

“Since quarantine, my sleeping pattern has changed (I've heard the same from many other people too) I'm having very late nights and end up waking up fairly late compared to before.”

Wath Academy

“I think most people are unable to sleep due to too many thoughts about different things, especially at these unprecedented times, and being anxious about grades, family and what will be the outcome of this.”

First Park Academy

1 Starter: Privilege



Define & watch (2-3 mins)

What does the word **privilege** mean to you? Write it down then click the image to watch the video.



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Once you've watched the video, think:

- 1) How did some people get an advantage in the race?
- 2) Is it fair that some people got an advantage because of their background?
- 3) What did you learn from the video?

Will the recent anti-racism protests lead to change in the US?



Warning: This lesson discusses racism and inequality in America and may be upsetting or unsuitable for some pupils.



Learning objectives for today

1. To consider the impact protests against George Floyd's death are having.
2. To debate whether systemic change in the US and around the world is likely to happen.

Keywords

- **Protest:** An occasion where people show they disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs etc.
- **Racism:** someone thinks a person is not good enough because of their colour, ethnicity, nationality or race.
- **Systemic racism:** how racial discrimination can affect the job prospects, wealth, criminal justice, education and general treatment of ethnic groups within a society.



Issues to consider

- Starter: Privilege
- **What is systemic racism?**
- Why are we talking about this?
- Standing up and speaking out
- Is this time different?
- Will it last?
- Call to Action
- Vote

Article 2: *“All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak ... what their culture is ... No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.”*



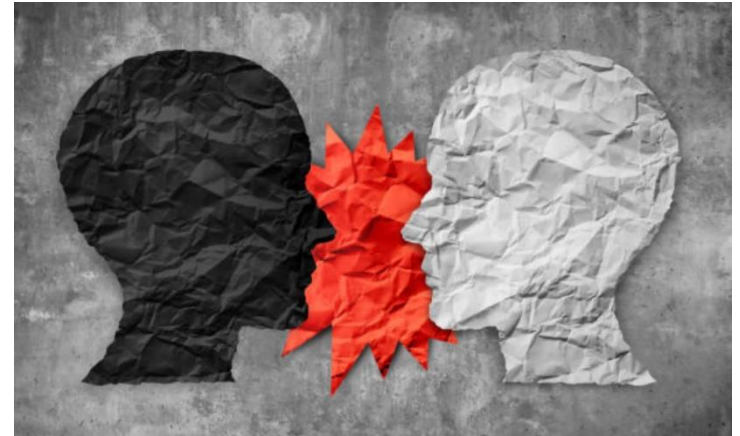
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2 What is systemic racism?



Racism is where someone thinks a person is not good enough **because of their colour, ethnicity, nationality or race**. This could mean that **they are treated differently** (racial discrimination).

When you think of racism, you might think of groups of people **saying hurtful comments or making unfair stereotypes**. While this is true, and you should speak out when this happens, **it can be more complicated than this**.

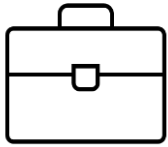


When people in a society hold racist views, **it can affect the way the whole country works**. We call this **systemic racism**.

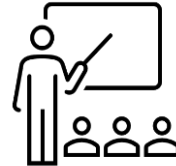


Systemic racism can be more difficult to see in person, but there are lots of statistics that suggest that it is **happening in the US...**

2 What is systemic racism?



Black Americans are 2x **more likely to be unemployed** than white Americans¹.

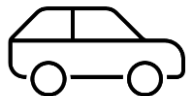


Black Americans are 3x **more likely to be excluded from school** than white Americans².

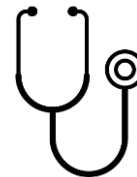
Only 13% of people in the US are black, yet **40% of the people in prison are black**³.



72% of white Americans own their own house, whereas only 42% of black Americans do⁴.



Black Americans are **30% more likely to be pulled over by the police** when driving⁵.



One study showed **67% of Doctors have a bias against African-American Patients**⁵.

Question (1-2 min)

How do you think it would feel growing up in America, knowing these statistics?

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Why are we talking about this?

On the 23rd February, Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed black man, was **shot and killed** by Gregory and Travis McMichael while **he was out jogging as they thought he was a burglar²**. The two men were **charged with murder on the 7th May** after a video of the incident went viral.



On May 25th, George Floyd, an unarmed **black man**, was arrested for using a fake \$20 note. While Floyd was handcuffed, A police officer, Derek Chauvin, put his knee on Floyd's neck for **8 minutes 46 seconds**. Floyd was **on-conscious for almost 3 minutes** before the police officer moved. Floyd died shortly after.

Videos went viral in which Floyd can be heard saying "**I can't breathe**" and witnesses pointing out that he wasn't moving. The officer in question has now been **charged with second degree murder**.

Think (1-2 mins)
Have you heard about any similar cases before?

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Why are we talking about this?

Also, on the 25th May Christian Cooper (a black man) asked Amy Cooper (a white woman, no relation) to put her dog on a lead as dog because of the park rules protecting local wildlife. She refused. When he started filming her, she said she would **“call the police and say an African American man was threatening her life”**.



Think (2-3 mins)

Based on what you've already looked at, **why do you think she assumed an African-American man would fear the police?**

Challenge:
Can you explain how this is an example of systemic racism?

“She knew that...”

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Why are we talking about this?

Since George Floyd's death, **protests have taken place across America**, as well as in Toronto, Berlin, London, Manchester and Cardiff¹. This is **despite the fact many of these cities remain in some form of lockdown** and are practicing **social distancing**.



This isn't the first time that the **Black Lives Matter movement** has had to risk their safety and **take to the streets to demand change**. It was founded in the USA in **2013**², but there are now groups in countries around the world, and have had to **protest police brutalities a number of times**³.

However, many people feel like this time will be different – that more people are taking notice and understanding the importance of not just being 'non-racist' but openly opposing racism. **So will this time cause a real change?**

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Standing up and speaking out

Note: if short on time, just chose **three** or **skip videos**.



More people than ever are standing up and speaking out against racism in America and around the world... but **what's being said?**

I think that...



Think (8-15 minutes)
Take a look at the different opinions on the next few slides and consider the questions in the bubbles.

I'm not sure about...



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Standing up and speaking out



Priscilla Borker,
Social Worker at the Brooklyn
demonstrations

"It's either **COVID is killing us, cops are killing us, the economy is killing us.** [...] Either way, we're still being killed. **So we don't mind taking this risk.**"

I think that...



What do you think it would be like to feel like this? **Do you think they need to be protesting, despite the COVID-19 risk?**

I'm not sure about...



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Standing up and speaking out

Trevor Noah
Daily Show Host

“They say ‘this is not the right way to protest’ [...] but it’s **never the right way to protest because that’s what protest is**. It cannot be right because you are **protesting against the thing that is stopping you.**”



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Click to hear from Trevor
(skip if short on time)

I think that...



Do you agree with him?
Is there a right way to protest against racism?

I'm not sure about...



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Standing up and speaking out

BBC interviews with black British people.

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“It’s like we’re reliving the **same movie every year** ... there’s like a new list of black people that are being killed.”

“If black people are never afforded the position to feel comfortable to just say, ‘We’re black and this is what we’re going through’ **nothing will change.**”

I think that...



Click the image to hear from black British people.

Why is this cause so important to them, despite being in a different country?

I’m not sure about...



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Standing up and speaking out



Medaria Arradondo,
Chief of the Minneapolis Police

“Mr Floyd died in our hands [...] Silence and inaction, you are **complicit**. If there were **one** solitary voice that would have intervened and acted, **that’s what I would have hoped for. That did not occur.**”



Complicit:
Involved in or knowing a crime is happening.

I think that...



Do you agree? Were **all** the police officers “complicit”? **Was the police chief right to say this?**

I’m not sure about...



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Standing up and speaking out



Terrence Floyd, George Floyd's brother



"Let's do this a different way... let's **stop thinking our voices don't matter, and vote.** Not just for the President but for the preliminaries. Vote for everyone... **educate yourself and know who you are voting for...that's how we're gonna hit them.'**

Preliminaries:

Earlier elections where each state votes for who they want to represent them.

I think that...

I'm not sure about...

Do you agree? **Will voting help make a difference?** Do you think this will happen?



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Standing up and speaking out



Barack Obama,
Former President of the United States

“There is a **change in mindset that's taking place**, a greater recognition, that we can do better [...]this is due to the **mobilisation of young people across the country** who put themselves out on the line to **make a difference.**”



I think that...



Do you think there's a “change in mindset happening? **Will this time be different?**”

I'm not sure about...



4

Standing up and speaking out



Think (2-3 minutes)

Many of these talk about changes, but what changes do you think they're looking for?

Click to see a statement from **Patrisse Cullors**, Co-founder of Black Lives Matter

“They want to see the **arrest of all the officers involved** [in the murder of George Floyd]. They want to have no more terror, **no more police terror in their communities**. Everybody wants to be **apologized to**. Everybody wants to be told, **‘I’m sorry. What I did was wrong. It was unacceptable. We won’t do it again and, in fact, this is how we change’.**”

We barely get a sorry, we rarely get accountability and we never get change. **So what are people to do?”**



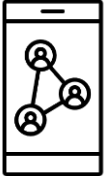
Challenge:

Do you think these requests are fair? Why do you think they “rarely” get these changes?

5 Is this time different?



Many people have said that the **protests that are happening after the death of George Floyd are different to past protests** about racism, but what exactly is different, and is it enough to lead to a change in the US?



Will it cause change? (8-15 mins)
On the next few slides, you'll see some of the key things that are happening as a result of George Floyd's death. Do you think it will help cause real change? Decide on a scale of 1 to 10. Consider your reasons why.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



The police officer who knelt on his neck has been arrested and charged with **second degree murder and manslaughter**. In some past cases, officers have not been arrested.



After petitions and protests, the other police officers that were present have been charged with “aiding and abetting” murder, which means that though they didn’t kill him, they allowed his death to happen.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



Black people in America have been **fighting against racism for hundreds of years**, and yet it still exists.

Changes have happened, but they have often been **very slow**. Martin Luther King Jr started **arguing for equality over 50 years ago**, but the fight is still happening today.



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Watch (1 min)

Watch James Baldwin talk about the fight for equality in America. Then, answer these questions.

How is James **feeling** in this video?

This was **over 30 years ago**. How is his message similar to the protestors today?

Does this show change could be happening?



5 Is this time different?



Anti-racism protests around the world are happening, in the UK, Canada, France, New Zealand, Germany, Syria and more...



UK



Syria

This has led to more stories coming out about police brutality against the black community in different countries, including here in the UK.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



While the majority of protests have been peaceful, some have **turned violent**, with buildings being set **on fire** and shops being **looted**.



Some people have said that **violence doesn't help the cause**, while others have argued that **peaceful protests haven't worked in the past**, causing this to happen.

Other reports say that protests only **became violent after police officers tried to stop the peaceful protests**, but it is impossible to know the truth.



Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



Influential figures, such as footballers, actors and singers, and also brands have spoken out about it, which has helped spread awareness.



Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



US President **Donald Trump** said he was “**sickened**” by the death of **George Floyd** and that “**justice will be served.**”

However, **many people** feel that the **American government** is **not doing enough** to discourage **racism**, while former defence secretary has claimed Trump is trying “**to divide us**”.

He also said that **vandalising and destroying buildings, stealing from shops and violence would not be tolerated**, and that **the army may have get involved** to stop non-peaceful protests.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



5 Is this time different?



Social media is being used to encourage more people to recognise the causes and symptoms of racism and to be involved in social change.

I understand that I will never understand. However, I stand



IN A RACIST SOCIETY, IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE NON-RACIST. WE MUST BE ANTI-RACIST.
- ANGELA DAVIS

#BlackoutTuesday, an initiative to post a black square in support of the BLM movement, was hash-tagged by **28.5 million people on Instagram.** However, critics say that sharing pictures isn't going far enough.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely



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Will it last?



"I think the protests..."

"Everyone needs to..."

"I don't think..."



Reflect (3-5 minutes)
Do you think that these protests will lead to lasting change?
Why/why not?



"It will take more than..."

"After something like this, we have to..."

"It will be necessary..."



Challenge:
What more needs to be done to cause lasting change?





Call to Action

What can you do to support the Black Lives Matter movement?
Use some of these ideas to help you.

Speak up against intolerance and racism.



Teach others about the barriers being faced.



Challenge racist stereotypes or assumptions.



Listen and learn from other people's experiences.



Use your platform for good and spread this message on social media.



Don't be afraid to ask questions if you want to know more.



Learn more about the BLM movement and history. Use the links on the **next slide** to help you.



Remember just because it's not happening to you, doesn't mean it's not happening.





Call to Action!

Please Note:

Some of these sources may contain upsetting information & images.



Articles & Explainers

- For **up-to-the-minute coverage** on the protests and other news from America, click [here](#) to visit the **BBC** site.
- To find out more about **the events that took place in the aftermath of George Floyd's death**, click [here](#).
- Why have the events in the USA made such an **impact here in the UK**? Click [here](#) to read the BBC's take.
- Huffington Post UK have put together a **list of key events in the history of anti-black racism in the UK**.
- Heard the term "**microaggression**" and **aren't sure what it means**? Click [here](#) to find out more.

Images & Videos

- For an **insider's take on why people are protesting**, check out [this video](#) from the BBC from **cities in the US**.
- For a **photo series from various cities around America** during the protests, click [here](#)...
- ...And click [here](#) to see how **other cities around the world** reacted to the events in America.
- George The Poet on Newsnight highlights **the relevance of the protests in the UK**. Click [here](#) to watch it*.
- The [TED website](#) has videos about **understanding racism** and how to **tackle it**, in the USA & beyond.

Will recent anti-racism protests lead to change in the US?



YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As many have said, this time feels different as more people are taking notice.• World leaders and influential figures around the world have taken notice, which will encourage change.• More people are now open to being educated about the importance of anti-racism. That's going to make a difference.• I will make an effort to promote anti-racism and speak up when I feel injustice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Until world leaders accept there's a problem and act upon it, there won't be any change.• Racism and police brutality are ingrained in many societies. It will take more than a few protests to end that.• It's not just about protesting, but also voting for the right people who can cause change.• While the protests started off well, the pockets of violence and looting have taken away from the cause.



Calling all voters!
You can still vote at home! Just follow the link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vfs-secondary-racism>

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