



Year 11 Flying start for Sociology

Week 4 and 5



What Is the Black Lives Matter movement?

The news has been dominated by the protests around the world of BLM movement. What are the issues being raised by this movement? Watch the link below to find out:

Link: Black Lives Matter Protests Around the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Vl4lOweXPU> (4 mins)



What are the origins of the BLM?

Black Lives Matter (BLM) was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Visit the US and UK websites below and find out about the origins of the movement and what their aims and objectives are:

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

<http://blacklivesmatteruk.com/>



What is institutional racism?

What does the term institutional racism mean? Why does racism still exist? What institutions have been accused of institutional racism? Watch this video about the murder of Steven Lawrence and the role of institutional racism (there are upsetting themes in this video).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XL5f45TJgM> (10 mins)



What role can schools play in the BLM movement?

Sociologists suggest that schools play a key role in shaping attitudes and behaviours. Some sociologists have criticised the curriculum for its failure to address black history and recognise diversity in the UK. Read the article below – should we change our curriculum to challenge racism?

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/jun/08/calls-mount-for-black-history-to-be-taught-to-all-uk-school-pupils>



Chose a resource which raises awareness around the role of racism in our society

We have the opportunity to develop an anti-racist curriculum in Sociology – how we can ensure that the issues raised by BLM are brought into our consciousness?

Chose a resource (film, article, poem, artefact, story, interview, music, etc) that we can use as inspiration.

Send your resource to Kirstie.paton@thejohnroanschool.org.uk