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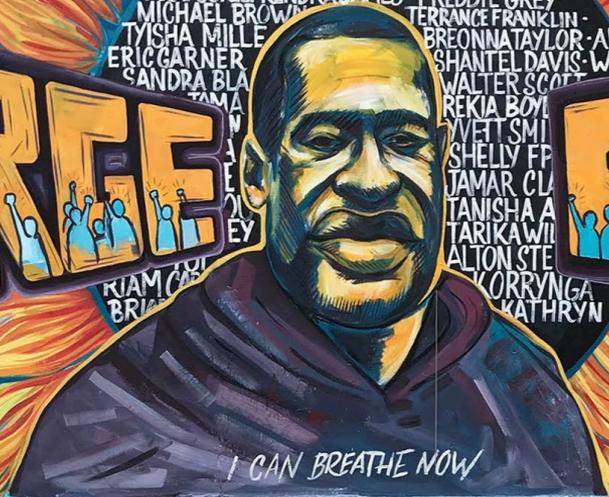


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I CAN BREATHE NOW

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# Who was George Floyd?



- George Floyd died May 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 46.
- He died after being arrested by police officers outside a shop in Minneapolis in the US.
- He had been arrested for allegedly using a fake \$20 bank note in the shop. A store employee reported this to the police. Half an hour later, Floyd was dead.
- Footage of the arrest shows a white police officer pressing his knee into Floyd's neck. Floyd pleaded 'I can't breathe'. This lasted for 8 minutes and 46 seconds.
- The police officers have since been arrested for the murder of George Floyd.
- The footage was seen by millions of people online and has sparked huge protests in the US and all over the world.

# What is Black Lives Matter?

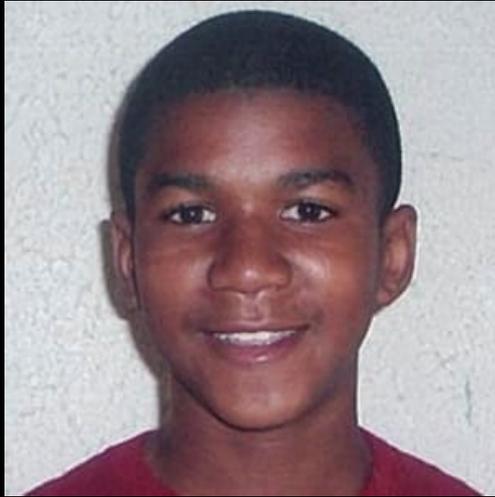
Tragically, George Floyd's story is all too familiar for black people in the United States.

- Black Lives Matter is a movement and organisation that was set up in 2013 in response to police brutality against black citizens in the US.
- They campaign to eradicate racism and combat violence and abuse against black communities. They work to ensure perpetrators of racial abuse are brought to justice.
- The movement started in the US but has gained international support and attention, most recently in response to the death of George Floyd.
- UK protesters are joining in solidarity with those in the US but are also drawing attention to the prevalence of racism in British society.



# Trayvon Martin

(1995–2012)



Trayvon Martin was an unarmed American 17-year-old killed by George Zimmerman on February 26, 2012, sparking national controversy.

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer.

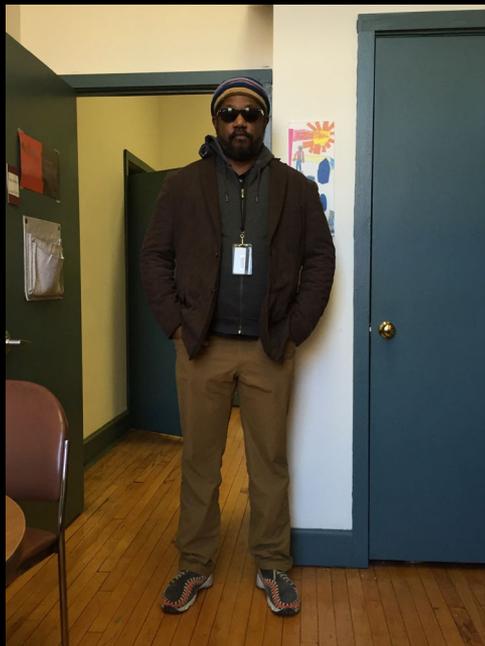
Read Trayvon's story:

<https://www.biography.com/crime-figure/trayvon-martin>

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# I fit the description



Steve Locke is a Boston-based artist, raised in Detroit, Michigan.

In 2015 he was employed as a teacher at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. On December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 he wrote an entry in his blog, describing an incident where he was wrongfully detained by the police.

The reason he was detained,  
*"We had someone matching your description just try to break into a woman's house."*

Steve Locke ends his blog entry with this line:  
*"Nothing I am, nothing I do, nothing I have means anything because I fit the description."*

Read Steve Locke's blog:  
<https://www.stevelocke.com/blog/i-fit-the-description>





# Why black lives matter NOW

Although Ellis Fearon is not from the US, from the moment when he witnessed what was happening in the "leading power of the world," he had a conversation with his parents about the implications of those events, he knew that he wanted to make more people aware about this. His talk is about what "being black" means to him.





# Why should we care in the UK? Some facts

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

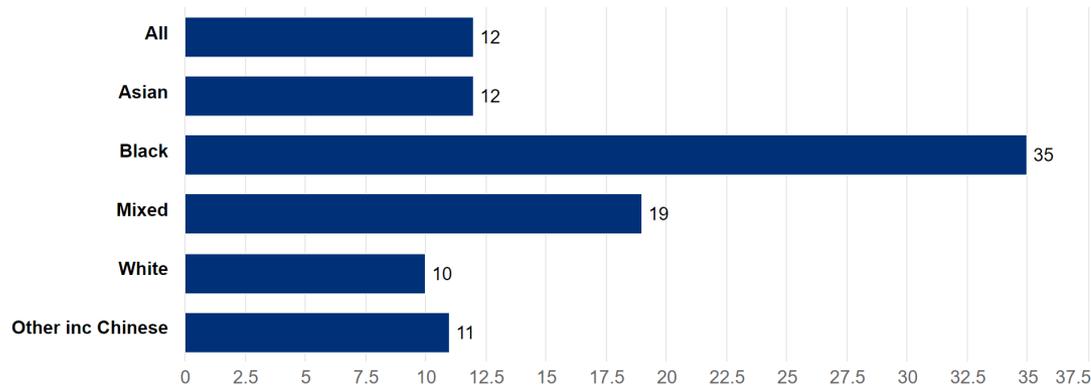
- Black workers with degrees earn 23.1 percent less on average than White workers.
- Race hate crimes on Britain's railway networks have risen by 37 per cent.
- If you are an ethnic minority person, you are more likely to live in poverty.
- Black people are more likely to get stopped by the police, compared to white people.
- Mixed White and Black Caribbean and Black Caribbean pupils were nearly 3 times as likely to be permanently excluded from school as White British pupils.

## Arrests

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Arrest rate per 1,000 people by ethnicity



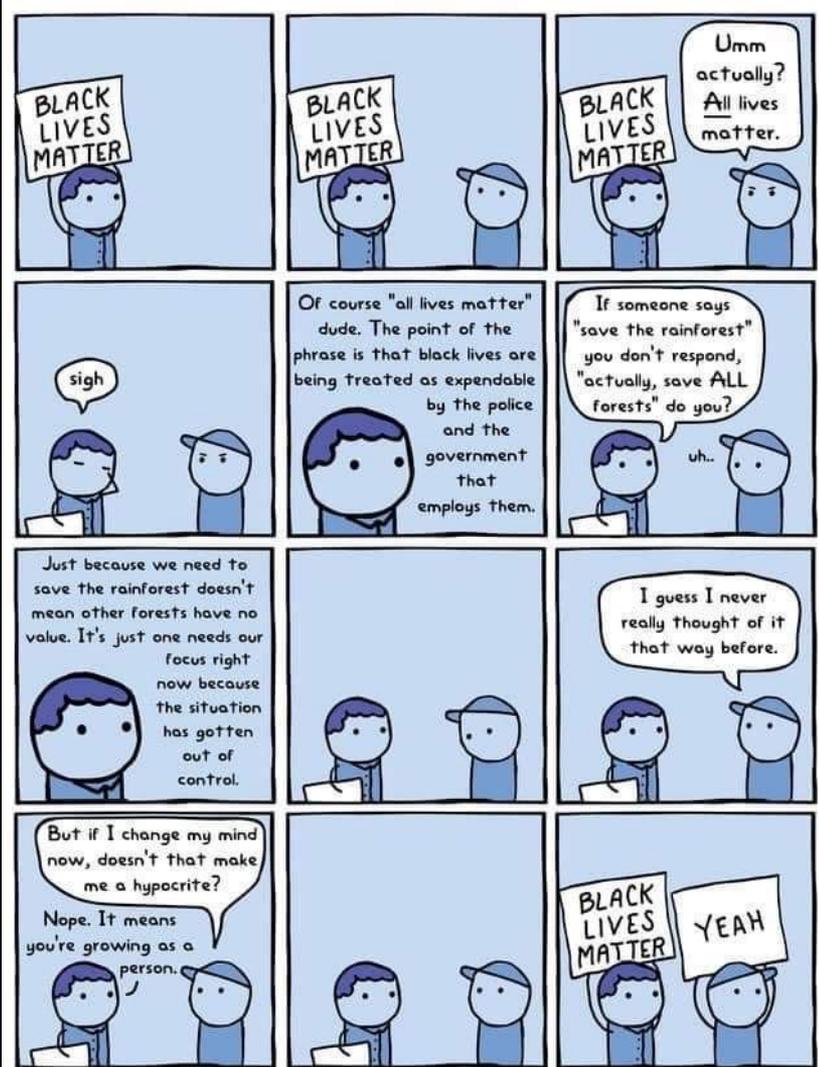
There were 675,461 arrests in 2017/18

Black people were over 3 times as likely to be arrested as White people – there were 35 arrests for every 1,000 Black people, and 10 arrests for every 1,000 White people overall,

Black women were more than twice as likely to be arrested as White women – there were 7 arrests for every 1,000 Black women, and 3 arrests for every 1,000 White women



## Why it's not 'All Lives Matter'





## The statue of Edward Colston

- At a recent protest in Bristol demonstrators pulled down a statue of Edward Colston, who was a prominent slave trader in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.
- It's estimated he oversaw the transportation of 84,000 slaves, 19,000 of whom died in the ships they were transported in.
- Colston was also an MP and left money to the city when he died.
- Campaigners had been fighting for years to get the statue removed.
- The removal of the statue has been called 'vandalism' and 'thuggery' by the government, but many have defended the protesters' actions.
- According to historian David Olusoga: 'The crowd who saw to it that Colston fell were of all races, but some were the descendants of the enslaved black and brown Bristolians whose ancestors were chained to the decks of Colston's ships.'

**What do you think?**

**Were the protestors right to bring down the statue?**



# Pause for thought...

“Racism is all over the world. This was a global pandemic before coronavirus.”

*Spike Lee, Film Director*

“Some of you are artists, some of you are bankers, some of are lawyers, some of you own shops. You are important. Your individual power, your individual right...we can all join together to make this a better world.” *John Boyega, Actor (Finn – Star Wars)*

“The only wrong thing to say is nothing...I know that you know that black lives matter, so I am already excited at what you are going to do in the world.” *Meghan Markle*

***“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  
Long Walk to  
Freedom***





# What can YOU do?

- **Research.** Learn your facts.
- **Reflect.** Think about your own actions, your own thoughts.
- **Acknowledge and Accept.** It is painful to accept you may have privilege that others don't. That's ok. What is not ok is pretending that it does not exist.
- **Talk.** Talk to friends and family. Have difficult conversations. Respectfully challenge point of views.
- **Share.** Share information, posts you find, spread the message.
- **Petition.** There are many petitions campaigning for Black Lives Matter. You can also write to your MP.

The black lives matter movement is not saying that all lives don't matter but that black lives are oppressed and that needs to change.

Nobody wants to be at a disadvantage  
because of their skin colour.



**“It’s not enough to be non-racist, you  
must be anti-racist”**

Angela Davis



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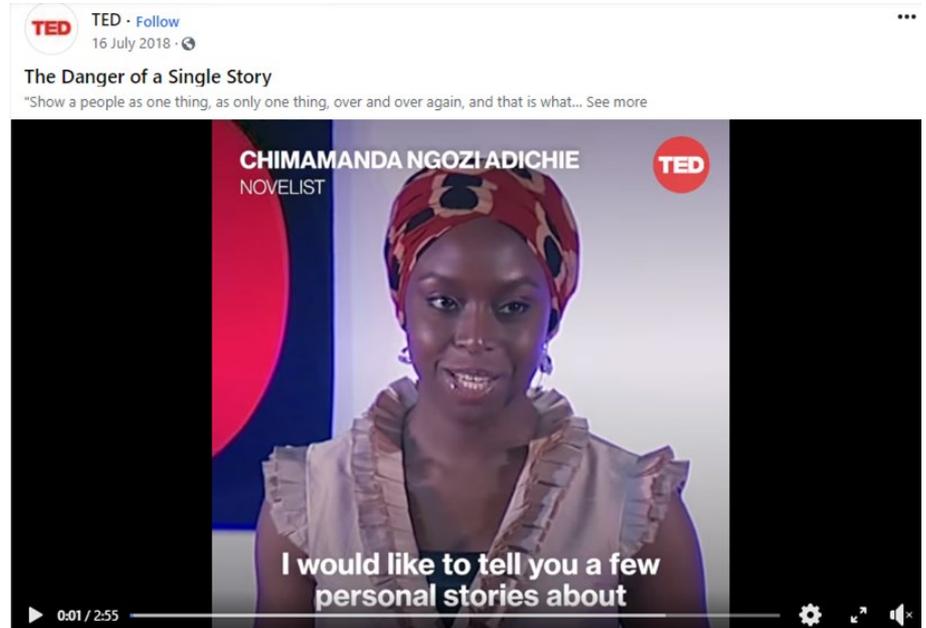


The following slides give you some resources to follow up

This is only a small sample of the information out there. I encourage you to carry out your own research. There are fantastic YouTube videos, Instagram and Twitter accounts and websites you can check out..

# The danger of a single story

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.



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# Not all superheroes wear capes...

Nova Reid is a diversity and anti-racism campaigner and consultant who uses her professional background in mental wellbeing to focus on mindset change, working with organisations and individuals to improve diversity and systems of discrimination from the inside-out.

In her talk she discusses racial micro-aggressions and their impact.



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# Black Lives Matters Too

Global Citizens share their stands on the Black Lives Matter movement. The world needs active global citizens who are engaged in the world, knowledgeable about its diversity and passionate about change.



# Rev. Jesse Jackson Snr



Jesse Louis Jackson Sr. (né Burns; born October 8, 1941) is an American civil rights activist, Baptist minister, and politician.

“Our goal was not freedom.  
Freedom was the necessary prerequisite to get to equality”

Make the distinction between,  
“those who patrol and those who control the system”

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# How to be a true ally to Black Lives Matter



**Ougoola** @ObiomaUgoala · 3 Jun

Did a little thing with @PoliticsJOE\_UK on #BlackLivesMatter in the U.K. and how to keep the conversation going past #BlackOutTuesday



**PoliticsJOE** @PoliticsJOE\_UK · 3 Jun

If you want to be a true ally to #BlackLivesMatter please watch this.

Thank you to @HamiltonMusical's wonderful @ObiomaUgoala

[Show this thread](#)



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Privilege/Class/Social Inequalities Explained in a \$100 Race - Please Watch to the End. Thanks.

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# Understanding Privilege



Eye of the Storm Jane Elliot 1970

The day after Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, Jane Elliott, a teacher in a small, all-white Iowa town, divided her third-grade class into blue-eyed and brown-eyed groups and gave them a daring lesson in discrimination. This is the story of that lesson, its lasting impact on the children, and its enduring power 30 years later.



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Jane Elliott's "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes" Anti-Racism Exercise | The Oprah Winfrey Show | OWN

## Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes experiment



# Why it's not 'All Lives Matter'

# Websites YOU can visit

Black Lives Matter:

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_Lives\\_Matter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter)

Newsround:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52917648>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52965665>

Childline:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/racism-racial-bullying/>

Watch the televised version of Malorie Blackman's books:

Noughts + Crosses (or read the books):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p082w992/noughts-crosses>

Watch the recently televised TV programme about the Windrush scandal:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-52743684>

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# What can YOU read?

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/black-history/>

<https://www.prestwickhouse.com/blog/post/2020/06/20-books-to-support-conversations-on-race-in-the-classroom>

[Listen to books being read:  
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLBquMlehDL8Mv0ttSv6IzQ/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLBquMlehDL8Mv0ttSv6IzQ/featured)



# Malorie Blackman



- Author Malorie Blackman has written over seventy books for children and young adults, including the Noughts & Crosses series, Thief and a science-fiction thriller, Chasing the Stars.
- Many of her books have also been adapted for stage and television. Recently televised has been a BBC production of [Noughts + Crosses](#), with Roc Nation (Jay-Z's entertainment company) curating the soundtrack as executive music producer.
- In 2005 Malorie was honoured with the Eleanor Farjeon Award in recognition of her distinguished contribution to the world of children's books.
- In 2008 she received an OBE for her services to children's literature, and between 2013 and 2015 she was the Children's Laureate.
- Most recently Malorie wrote for the Doctor Who series on BBC One, and the fifth novel in her Noughts & Crosses series, Crossfire, was published by Penguin Random House Children's in summer 2019.

# What can YOU read?

## *ALIVE*

Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister.

Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat.

## *DEAD*

As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys.

Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...

Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - not just to him, but to all of the ghost boys.

