



Remote Learning Objectives:

- To understand the Black Lives Matter movement
- To interpret the global response to the movement
 - To spark and initiate change

Before you start, make sure you have:

- A piece of paper
- A pen
- Headphones/speakers
- And most importantly, an open mind

Listen to this song -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPOxEo7NtpQ>

Write a personal response to this song.

Consider how the lyrics highlighted below make you feel.
What are your thoughts? What are your views?



“Black children, their childhood stolen from them.”

“Robbed of our names and our language.”

“These are the things we gotta discuss.”

“The colour of my skin they comparing it to sin.”

“All men and women were created equal. Including Black Americans.”

8 Minutes 45 Seconds

- Recently, America has seen huge riots following the death of George Floyd, 46. He died after being arrested by police outside a shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Footage of the arrest on 25th May shows a white police officer, Derek Chauvin, kneeling on Mr Floyd's neck while he was pinned to the floor.
- "I can't breathe," Mr Floyd said repeatedly, pleading for his mother and begging "please, please, please".
- For eight minutes and 45 seconds, Mr Chauvin kept his knee on Mr Floyd's neck.

- **It began with a report of a fake \$20 (£16.20) bill.**
- **Allegedly, Mr Floyd used this note to purchase a pack of cigarettes**
- **Believing the \$20 bill he used to be counterfeit, a store employee reported it to police.**
- **30 minutes later, Mr Floyd died.**

How do you feel now? Jot your ideas down underneath your personal response.

Listen to this spoken word poet ...

<https://www.facebook.com/wearemitu/videos/1702590533374715/>

What are your thoughts about the issues he raises in this poem?
How do you react? What surprises you? What doesn't surprise
you? Why might this be? Jot down your ideas on that same bit of
paper ...



THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

RAGE AND RAMPAGE

PROTEST: Violence follows peaceful rallies in Phila.; curfew set.

DESTRUCTION: Stores are looted and police cars set aflame.

NATION: From coast to coast, dramatic scenes of upheaval.



CHICAGO SUN TIMES

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 | \$3 CITY/BURBS \$4 ELSEWHERE | LATE SPORTS FINAL

Chicago Police SUV is set on fire during violent protests Saturday

TATE LAKE

SUN-TIMES SPECIAL REPORT

BURNING RAGE

Chicago goes under curfew as protest over Minneapolis police killing turns violent and looting ensues

COVERAGE, PAGES B-11

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MOISTURE SUNNY
High 81
Low 64
5% chance of rain

Monday: Partly cloudy, 83/65
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 81/68
Wed.: Mostly sunny, 87/73
Complete weather: 8/10

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

AJC TOP LOCAL STORY CIVIL UNREST

ANGER, HEARTBREAK

Officials caught 'off balance' by violent demonstrators.

Mayor hailed for response but leads a divided city.

After night of destruction, residents pitch in to clean up.



How do you feel reading these front pages and headlines? Jot your ideas down ...

Are you confused? Are you sad? Are you angry? Are you frustrated? Explore why you might be having this emotional response.



Protesters march across the Sixth Street bridge Friday during the "I Can't Breathe" March for George Floyd in Waterloo.

Cooler heads prevail

Cedar Valley peacefully protests death of George Floyd

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WATERLOO — A thousand people marched through downtown Waterloo on Friday protesting the death of yet another Black American at the hands of a police officer.

They carried signs demanding justice for George Floyd, who died on Memorial Day as a Minneapolis police officer held him down with a knee on his neck for nearly nine minutes during an arrest.

Demonstrators chanted "Black lives matter" "I can't breathe" and "No justice, no peace" as they marched from Veterans Memorial Hall, across the Sixth Street bridge, past the Black Hawk County jail, courthouse and City Hall before gathering and "two justice, no peace" as in Lincoln Park.

And they listened quietly and even applauded as incoming street bridge, past the Black Waterloo Police Chief Joel Fitzgrand vowed he would demand accountability from his officers.

"It is beautiful thing that you have right here," Fitzgerald told the diverse crowd. "You have a cross-cultural group of people from every walk of life walking in solidarity about what they will not tolerate as members of this community."

"We have to live up to that responsibility," he added. "And I pledge to you that we will be as accountable as we can to this community."

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- Photographs from violent protests across the country.
- Peaceful rally turns into a melee in downtown Des Moines.
- Protesters set police cars ablaze, smash windows and skid with police on street fights from Atlanta to Los Angeles. **PAGE A7**

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Why might this still be a problem?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9sw4LbYLcQ>

Martin Luther King Jr clearly expresses here, in 1967, the issues which we still face today. What are your thoughts on this? How do you feel? Jot your ideas down ...



What can I do?

CHANGE
BEGINS WITH
YOU

Take it all in and truly absorb the information and situation that is around you.

Remember, George Floyd may have been thousands of miles away. But unfortunately, racism is all around us - here in the UK as well.

Take a stand. Change begins with you; these institutions are made up of people. Us. We are the institutions.

This is everybody's problem; reach out to those who you think are marginalised. Call out racism. Sign petitions. Write to leaders. Donate.

Above all else: TALK ABOUT IT. Take that piece of paper that you have been collating your thoughts on, and share your own views and responses with someone today.

Additional resources for your own empowerment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwvC6GFmZp8> - This video clearly explains what Blackout Tuesday is all about, including who is taking part and why.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673> - this article explains what exactly happened to George Floyd and why it has sparked protests.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/> - explains exactly what the Black Lives Matter movement is and how everyone is involved.

Additional creative ideas to ensure your voice is heard:

- Write a speech documenting your own views on this situation - share this.
- Write to a political or leading figure outlining what change you'd like to see.
- Write a poem to share with your friends and teachers.