

Year 8 – How should we respond to racism?

Keywords

racism	the belief that people of some races are inferior to others.
discrimination	actions or behaviour that result from prejudice
prejudice	holding biased opinions about an individual or group
stereotype	a widely held, fixed, oversimplified view of a certain group of people.

Racism in the UK

The UK did not have laws that segregated black and white people. However in the UK black people are overrepresented in the criminal justice system, children from Afro Caribbean and black backgrounds have lower exam results than children from other ethnic groups. There is a pay gap between white people and black people. This suggests that there is institutionalised racism in the UK.

Jim Crow laws

Jim Crow laws were laws in America from the 1880s to the 1960s in a number of American states. Some examples of these laws are:

- black people were not allowed to cut white women or girls hair.
- toilet facilities were segregated.
- black and white people were not allowed to live together unless they were married. in many states marriage between black and white people was also forbidden.
- schools were segregated.
- It was forbidden to make publications that encouraged equality between black and white people.

Christianity

“God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; Male and female he created them.” Genesis 1

“Love your neighbour.”

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil period be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Raymond's 12: 17- 18

Christians believe the all people are born equal as they are God's creations. This means all people should be treated equally and racism is unacceptable.

Islam

“oh mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.” Qur’an 49:13

Muslims believe the Allah created all humans and therefore they are equal. It goes on to say Allah wants all people from all tribes and backgrounds to be friends with each other.

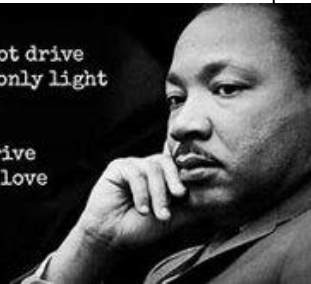
Martin Luther King Jr

Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights activist in 1960s America. He was a Christian and believed that it was wrong to use violence to fight against people even if they used violence against them. He encouraged black people to hold rallies and protests to try to change the laws the segregated black and white people.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.



Malcolm X

Malcolm X was a civil rights activist in 1960s America. He belonged to a group called the Nation of Islam. He believed that black people were superior to white people. He believed that whilst there were black people in America they should have all the same rights as white people. He believed that it was acceptable to use violence to fight against oppression.

Nobody can give you freedom. Nobody can give you equality or justice or anything. If you're a man, you take it

MALCOLM X

