



Ark Elvin Academy: Discussing Race at Home

This resource may be helpful supporting conversations at home about the protests in the US and UK.

We believe structural racism in the UK is something the whole community can work toward ending together – leading discussions about race at home and at school is one way we can make change.

It's not enough to simply not be racist – we need to work together to combat racism in all its forms.

What happened in the US to provoke the protests?

On 25th May George Floyd was arrested for allegedly using a fake \$20 note. The arresting officer knelt on George Floyd's neck for over 8mins, despite Floyd calling out repeatedly 'I can't breathe!' Floyd died as a result of the force used and the officers involved in the arrest have all been fired and, after significant protest and outrage, arrested for murder.

In the US and the UK, black men and women are significantly more likely to be stopped and searched and subject to police violence. As a result of this arrest being captured on video and shared widely, many people have taken to the streets to protest against racism in all its forms.

As a direct result of the protests, the charges against the arresting officer have been made stronger and the officers on duty with him have also been charged.

Why are people in the UK protesting if it happened in America?

Racism in the UK has a long history and although it rarely receives the media attention of racism in America, it is certainly a persistent problem.

- For example in the UK more Black and Asian people were fined for violations of the Covid 19 Lockdown than white people, despite similar numbers of both black and white people breaking the rules. [Read More Here](#)
- As a black person in the UK you are up to 40 times more likely to be stopped and searched – often without genuine cause – than a white person. [Read More Here](#)
- Over the last few years the Windrush Scandal exposed how members of the Windrush generation were wrongly denied services, support and in some cases even wrongly deported, despite being British Citizens. [Read More Here](#)
- Although George Floyd was murdered in the US, many black people have experienced brutality at the hands of the police in the UK. According to the Institute of Race Relations, of the 137 deaths in police custody between 1991 and 2014, 126 were male, 11 were female, 78 were Black or Black British, and 31 were Asian or Asian British. [Read More Here](#)

As a result the Black Lives Matter movement and other groups have been protesting peacefully in central London and organising online protests.



Where can I find out more?

Leading the conversations about race with children

- Books:
 - [Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners: books for children and young adults](#)
 - [31 Children's books to support conversations on race, racism and resistance](#)
- Podcasts:
 - [Parenting Forward podcast episode 'Five Pandemic Parenting Lessons with Cindy Wang Brandt'](#)
 - [Fare of the Free Child podcast](#)
 - [Integrated Schools podcast episode "Raising White Kids with Jennifer Harvey"](#)
- Articles:
 - [PBS's Teaching Your Child About Black History Month](#)
 - [Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup from Pretty Good](#)
- The Conscious Kid: follow them on [Instagram](#) and consider signing up for their [Patreon](#)

Learning more about racism:

Articles to read:

- ["White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" by Knapsack Peggy McIntosh](#)
- [Black People Need Stronger White Allies](#)
- [The Death of George Floyd, In Context](#)
- [Recent Updates from the George Floyd Protests](#)
- [The Lammy Review - government investigation into the over-representation of Black and Asian people the Criminal Justice System](#)

Videos to watch:

- [Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives: Barbara Smith, Reina Gossett, Charlene Carruthers \(50:48\)](#)
- ["How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion" | Peggy McIntosh at TEDxTimberlaneSchools \(18:26\)](#)
- [Akala on Politics Joe discussing Race and politics in the UK](#)

Podcasts to subscribe to:

- [BBC World Service Witness History: Witness Black History](#)
- [Seani B and DJ Ace discuss their experiences as black men growing up in the UK](#)
- [About Race](#)
- [Intersectionality Matters! hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)

Books to read:

- [Brit \(ISH\) Afua Hirsch](#)
- [Lemn Sissay: My Name Is Why](#)
- [Emma Dabiri: Don't Touch My Hair](#)
- [Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire - Akala](#)
- [Why I'm No Longer Talking to White people about Race](#) Reni Eddo-Lodge
- [How to Argue with a Racist Adam Rutherford](#)
- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

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- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya Angelou
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo
- [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo

Films and TV series to watch:

- 13th (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- American Son (Kenny Leon) — Netflix
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975 — Available to rent
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton) - Netflix
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol) — Netflix
- Selma (Ava DuVernay) — Available to rent
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) — Prime, Google Play
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- Hidden Figures (Prime, Google play)

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