


Topic: Stephen Lawrence and Institutional Racism

| What I should already know | Key Dates | Vocabulary | |
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| <p>That in history there have not just been racist people, but whole countries with governments, systems, laws and police who are racist. E.g. South Africa, Southern States in USA</p> <p>That when this happens, there have been civil rights movements which have struggled to change these systems to make them more fair. Apartheid in South Africa was ended, schools in USA were desegregated and civil rights were guaranteed by law.</p> | <p>22 April 1993 Stephen Lawrence stabbed to death in Eltham, south-east London by a gang of young men in a racist attack. April 1993 – The police identify four suspects but fail to collect proper evidence July 1993 Charges dropped against suspects April 1996 Private trial against suspects collapses and the not guilty verdict means they can't be tried again February 1999 The Macpherson report finds the police guilty of mistakes and “institutional racism” and makes 70 recommendations on changes to policing and wider public policy. December 2000 The Metropolitan police pay the Lawrence family £320,000 in damages for their failings. April 2005 The double jeopardy rule is scrapped for certain offences when there is new evidence. January 2012 Two of the original suspects are found guilty of murder, 18 years after the event. 2013 The Black Lives Matter movement began on social media</p> | <p>Prejudice</p> | <p>Judging someone or having an idea about them before you actually know anything about them.</p> |
| <p>Significant Individuals</p> | <p>Key Knowledge</p> | <p>Discrimination</p> | <p>Treating a group unfairly and differently e.g. because of age, race or sex.</p> |
| <p>Stephen Lawrence – Killed in the unprovoked racist attack Doreen Lawrence – Mother of Stephen Lawrence Neville Lawrence – Father of Stephen Lawrence Duwayne Brooks – witnessed the attack on Stephen. He managed to run away unharmed Neil Acourt, Luke Knight, Gary Dobson and Luke Knight – the gang responsible for the death of Stephen Lawrence George Zimmerman – Fatally shot Trayvon Martin in Florida</p>  | <p>Key Facts - Stephen Lawrence was a black teenager who was killed in 1993, when he was 18 years old. On 22 April 1993, Stephen was killed by a gang of white men in a racist attack. After Stephen's death Stephen Lawrence's family felt that not enough was being done to capture Stephen's killers. Many people believed the police treated Stephen's case differently because he was black - and that some officers acted in a racist way. A big inquiry into Stephen's killing and the police investigation was held, and in 1999 it found that the Metropolitan police were 'institutionally racist'. The murder of Stephen Lawrence highlighted racism in British society. It led to changes in the way police operate and also led to changes in the law.</p> | <p>Racism</p> | <p>Prejudice, discrimination or hatred directed against a person or people because of their race.</p> |
| | | <p>Institutional Racism</p> | <p>When the laws of a country or the policies and practices of an organisation are set up in a way that treats people unfairly because of their race.</p> |
| | | <p>Stereotypes</p> | <p>A generalised idea people might hold about a group of people often coming from culture and the media.</p> |
| | | <p>Justice</p> | <p>Being fair and reasonable to people and making things right.</p> |
| | | <p>Double jeopardy</p> | <p>A rule that stops people being tried in a court more than once for the same crime.</p> |
| | | <p>Hate crime</p> | <p>A crime where a victim is targeted because of their membership of a certain social group e.g. race, religion, sexuality, disability, gender, gender identity</p> |
| | | <p>BAME</p> | <p>Black, Asian, and minority ethnic (used to refer to members of non-white communities in the UK).</p> |
| | | <p>Equality</p> | <p>People having the same rights, status and opportunities</p> |

Timeline of events

