

Black History Month 2020

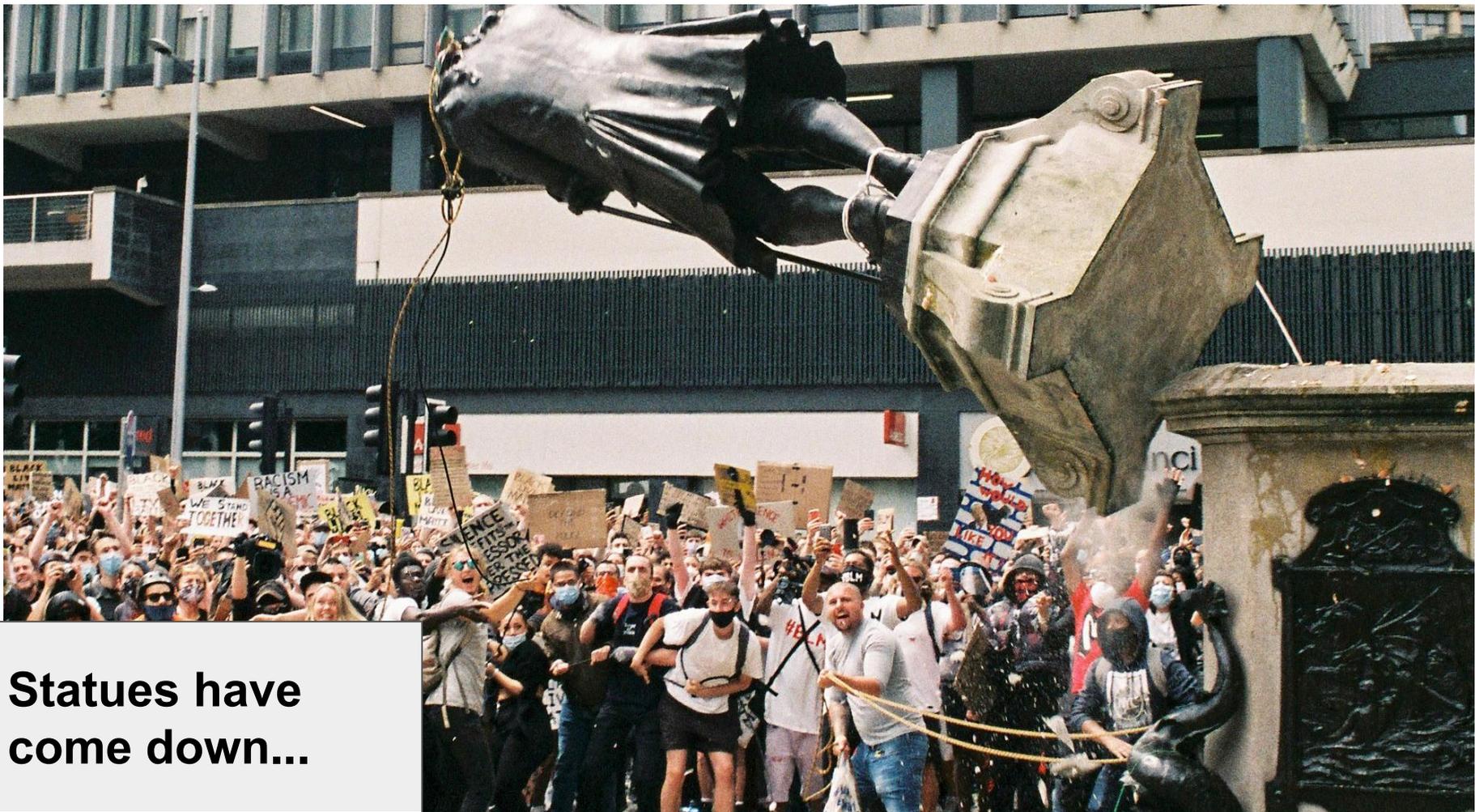
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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

What we're doing at CSG and some ideas of what you can do...

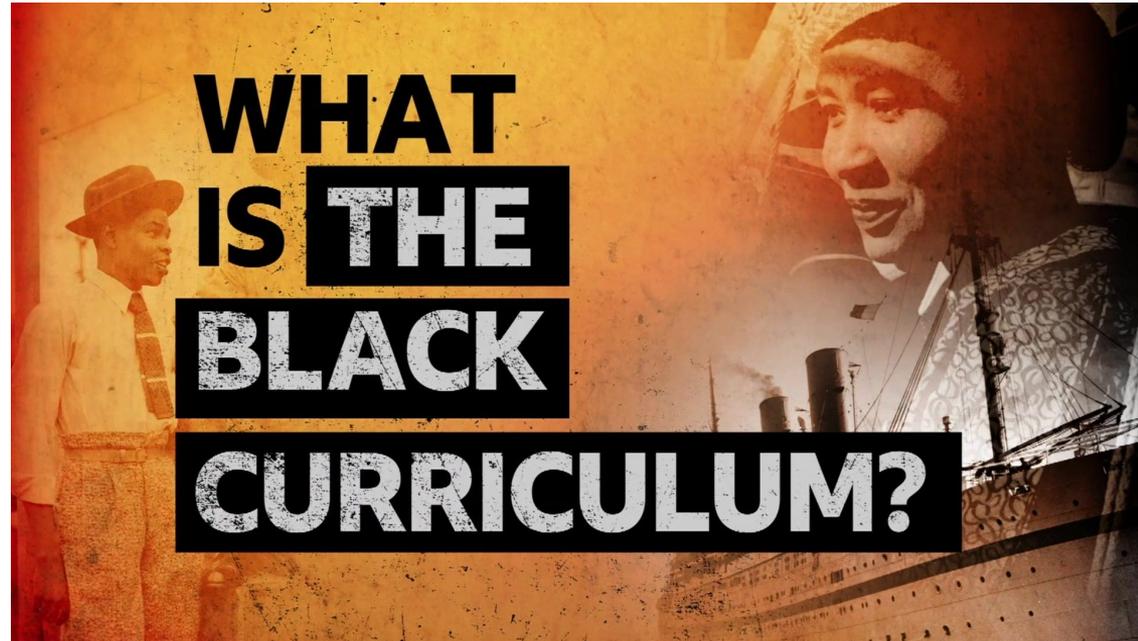
2020 saw issues of racism come to the fore with Black Lives Matter protests in the USA and the UK...





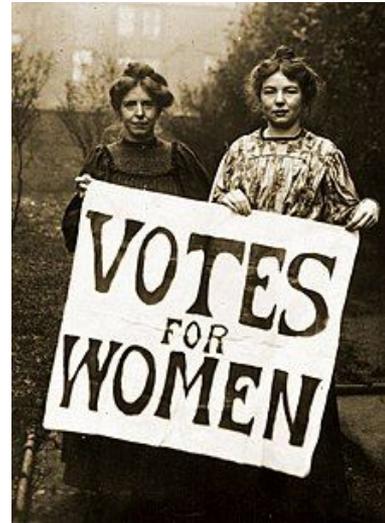
**Statues have
come down...**

Alongside protesting police brutality and institutional racism, many called for a more diverse and inclusive curriculum...



This is something we have been thinking about in the History department for a few years.

In the past topics in History might have looked like this...



While these are all important figures we understand the importance of teaching topics that reflect the diversity of modern Britain and help illuminate the present.

Our ethos is;

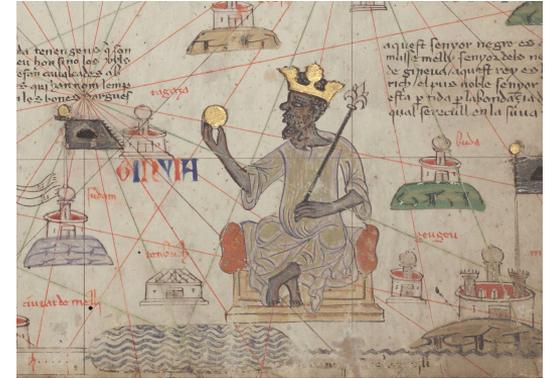
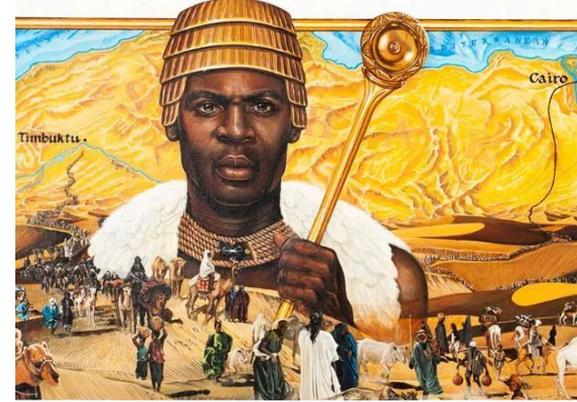
“The CSG History department aims to help students become **curious, compassionate and critical citizens** through the study of the past”

In order to become a compassionate and critical citizen, a diverse History curriculum is needed.

What we have done...

Year 7

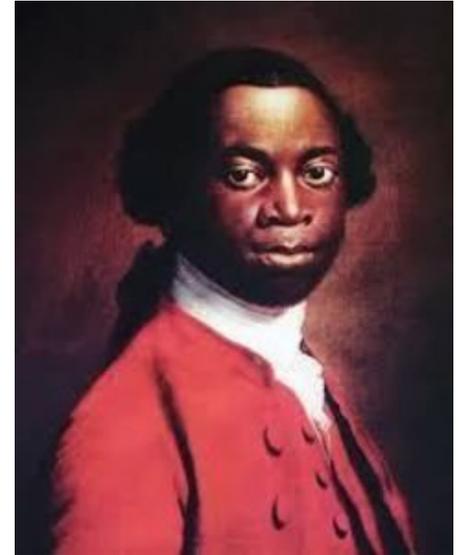
- Created a series of lessons on Mansa Musa for Year 7.
- Mansa Musa was an African king from the 1300s who is the richest person ever!



What we have done...

Year 8

- Developed a series of lessons on European exploration and colonisation of the 'new world'
- Continued to develop our teaching of the transatlantic slave trade and the British Empire



What we have done...

Year 9

- Developed a brand new series of lessons on immigration to the UK from 1000-present
- Focus on the reasons for, impact of and reaction to immigration over 1000 years.



But there is more to do...

We are always looking for ways to introduce Black History into our curriculum and will continue to do so.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the black contribution to Britain and also reflect on the diversity of our country and our curriculum



What you can do this month...

The Museum of London has a series of **Black History Month** exhibitions, both online and in the museum



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Museum of London website. It includes the Museum of London logo, a navigation menu with options like 'Plan your visit', 'For families', 'For schools', and 'Collections', and a search bar. Below the navigation is a large banner image of a Black man and woman in 1960s-style clothing. The banner text reads: 'Black History Month. Join us at the museum for our hosts talks, take part in our free family trail and explore the stories of Black Londoners in our collection.' At the bottom of the banner is a red button that says 'TAKE PART IN OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS ON SITE >'.

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What the school is doing this month...

- Miss Green has put together a Black History Month reading list of over 50 books in the library linked to Black history and culture.

The Windrush Generation and Black British People in the 20th/21st Century

Akala	Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire	N305.8
Eddo-Lodge, Reni	Why I'm no longer Talking to White People about Race	N305.8
Hirsh, Afua	Brit(ish)	N305.8

To be Black and British is to belong and yet, not truly belong. Is Britain racist? Is British history too white-centric? To what extent are attitudes attributable to the legacy of the slave trade and colonialisation? Written by black writers and published recently, these books are provocative and uncomfortable for white readers.

What the Head Girl Team is doing this month...

Virtual Work Experience Opportunity (26-30 October. Application deadline: 12th Oct). For more info, email 16esoriano@csg.school. Age 15-18.

- Details: British Land is a leading UK property company. We create and manage places that reflect the changing needs of the people who work, visit or live in and around them- Places People Prefer. Through a five-day schedule of interactive webinars and group sessions, we will support you to design your own event at one of British Land's sites. The week will work through the planning stages to imagine your dream event which celebrates British Black History.

What the Head Girl Team is doing this month...

- Posters made by the Head Girl Team and Senior Prefect Team around the school.
- Essentially, keep an eye out for any updates and try to use this month as a reminder of Black History and how important Black figures in the past (and today) have contributed to today's society and how far we have come.
- The Head Girl Team are doing what we can and there may be more to come so Happy Black History Month!

We are running a Black History Month competition...

To celebrate Black History Month we would like you to choose your black history hero.

It could be a politician, actor, writer, musician, activist, athlete... anyone who inspires you.

You can write about them, make a poster or even create a presentation on why they are so important.

**Please email your entries to Mr Gunn
(dgunn@csg.school) by Monday 19th October.**

