



Black History in the Curriculum

Upper KS2 – Empire Windrush & The Windrush Generation



Below are resources to help teachers to plan and deliver work to teach pupils about the Windrush Generation and their contribution to British life. The UK celebrates Windrush Day to honour the British Caribbean community on the 22nd June, each year. Most pictures are hyper linked to the resource suggested.

The Empire Windrush's voyage from the Caribbean to Tilbury took place in 1948. Believe it or not, very few of the migrants intended to stay in Britain for more than a few years.

If it hadn't been for the Second World War, the Windrush and her passengers might not have made the voyage at all. During the war, thousands of Caribbean men and women had been recruited to serve in the armed forces.

When the Windrush stopped in Jamaica to pick up servicemen who were on leave from their units, many of their former comrades decided to make the trip in order to re-join the RAF. More adventurous spirits, mostly young men, who had heard about the voyage and simply fancied coming to see England, 'the mother country', doubled their numbers.

June 22nd, 1948, the day the passengers of the Windrush disembarked at Tilbury, has become an important landmark in the history of modern Britain; Caribbean migrants have become a vital part of British society and, in the process, transformed important aspects of British life.



Written in 1st person, a recount of the author's experiences



The story of Sam King who served in the RAF during World War 2, came back to England on Empire Windrush and became a significant community leader, co-founding the charity the Windrush Foundation. He was the first Black Mayor in Southwark.
http://www.goldendestiny.co.uk/about-books_04.shtml

Information Text - Band 10 White/Band 14 Ruby (Collins Big Cat Progress)



Picture Book version: Available 8/10/20



Preston is about to set sail on a journey. He and his parents will travel on The Empire Windrush to start a new life in Britain Reading Planet KS2
Windrush - Level 4: Earth/Grey band (Rising Stars Reading Planet)



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Windrush Stories teaching pack (primary students): Creative writing activities

<https://www.bl.uk/teaching-resources/windrush-stories-primary-creative-writing>
Activities are designed to stimulate shared classroom talk. When used alongside the Windrush Stories website, they aim to build a shared set of understandings and ideas about the topic of Caribbean migration to Britain that can be worked into pieces of creative writing.


A short film featuring members of the Caribbean Social Forum sharing their stories of journeying from the Caribbean to the UK and their experiences of settling in a new place to call home. <https://www.bl.uk/windrush/videos/caribbean-social-forum#>



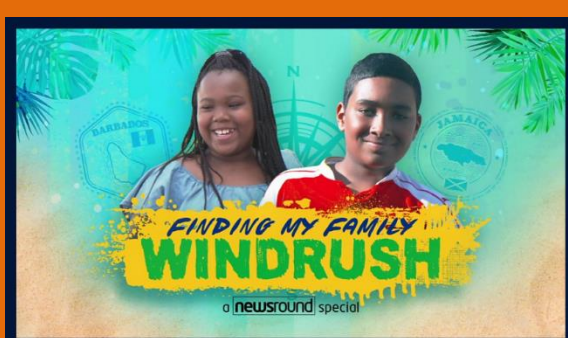
Footage from the passengers meeting a reporter as they disembark the Empire Windrush
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDH4lBeZF-M&feature=youtu.be&t=45>




Pathé Reporter Meets (1948)




BBC Newsround: Video clips to support learning




28 minute video: Maya and Levi head back to the Caribbean islands that their granddads left to see where they grew up and why they decided to start new lives in the UK.




2 minute video: 'Who are the Windrush Generation?'



2 minute video: Eight year old Baye asks her grandma questions about her life.



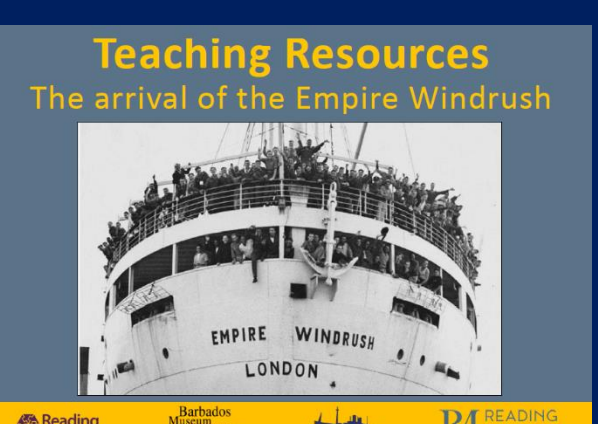
3 minute video: What happened when they arrived?




More resources available from Reading Museum – click on logo

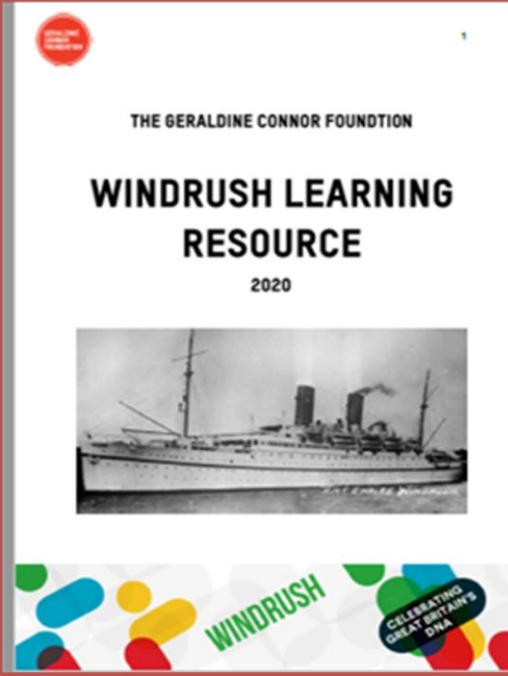
Learning Pack by Reading Museum

Lots of resources including photos and video footage. Five activities, although activity 5 is not suitable as it is a local study based in Reading) Fully resourced with hyperlinks and key questions. Opportunities for speaking and listening, writing and drama.






Jeff 'De Admiral' Hinds is regarded as amongst the leading calypso performers this country has produced. He gives a rendition of the calypso standard 'London is the Place for Me', made famous by Lord Kitchener as he disembarked the Empire Windrush.


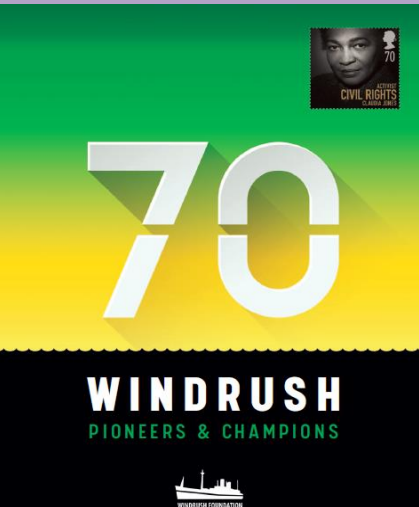


Split into seven sections, exploring a different topic relating to Windrush, the experiences of the Windrush Generation and the contribution they made to Britain. Work through all sections or dip in and out. Each has a video that features interviews with first generation Windrush migrants and their families. Hear them discuss their experiences of arriving in post-war Britain and how they have settled as residents of Leeds. Links to a specific Youtube channel can be found in the document or below.

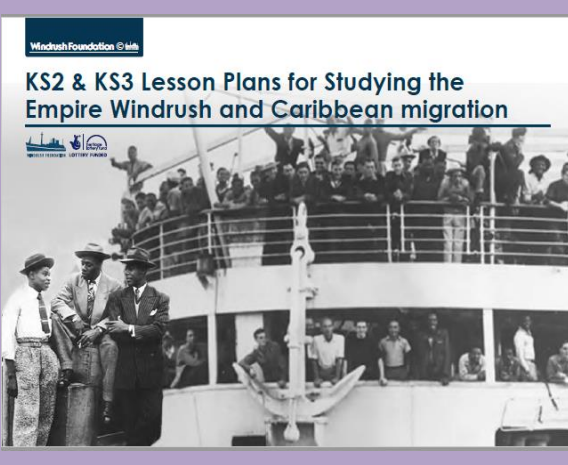


Youtube channel for videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnJPpkTOBELqBjYh8CMLt3Mu3mZFOhtJ>

The Empire Windrush Education Resource includes information, activities, photographs and data of Caribbean people in the UK who are descended from or were the Windrush Generation. There is an eBook that features profiles on 70 Windrush Pioneers & Champions. It includes more than 90 photographs. Both resources are free – just supply your email address to the charity by clicking on the Windrush Foundation logo.

Six fully resourced lessons, with lesson plans, vocabulary and clear learning intentions. A useful glossary and photos or links to additional resources are part of each lesson. Lots of opportunities for cross curricular links.



KS2 & KS3 Lesson Plans for Studying the Empire Windrush and Caribbean migration

- ### Other Resources:
- <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/windrush-child-12335124> Free: One week unit on Windrush Child by John Agard (aimed at Y1/2 but easily adapted)
 - <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/windrush-6057240> Free: Lesson plan on Windrush child
 - <https://www.twinkl.com/resource/t2-h-5065-the-windrush-resource-pack> Subscription needed: KS2 Resource pack with PowerPoints, display ideas and other resources.
 - <https://nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/attlees-britain/empire-windrush-2/> Letter from Prime Minister C Attlee
 - <https://www.youtube.com/embed/nChLEGsn8v8> 4 minute video of Wiltshire residents talking about their first impressions when they arrived in England
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp4aEkPN9lw&feature=youtu.be> 3 minute video explain the Notting Hill Carnival – a teaching pack is also available <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c4325439d5abb9b27980cd4/t/5f4cde40511e4f509fb1c91e/1598873175011/TBC+-+KS2+Learning+Activities+-+Notting+Hill+Carnival.pdf>
 - <https://www.qcfoundation.co.uk/pages/category/carnival-learning-resource> The story of Carnival, with its roots in slavery and Caribbean culture, right through to what it is like to perform in a Carnival today.
 - <https://windrushfoundation.com/profiles/> Profile of Windrush contributors.
 - <https://www.windrushportraitofageneration.com/> Art exhibition using photos of Windrush generation.