

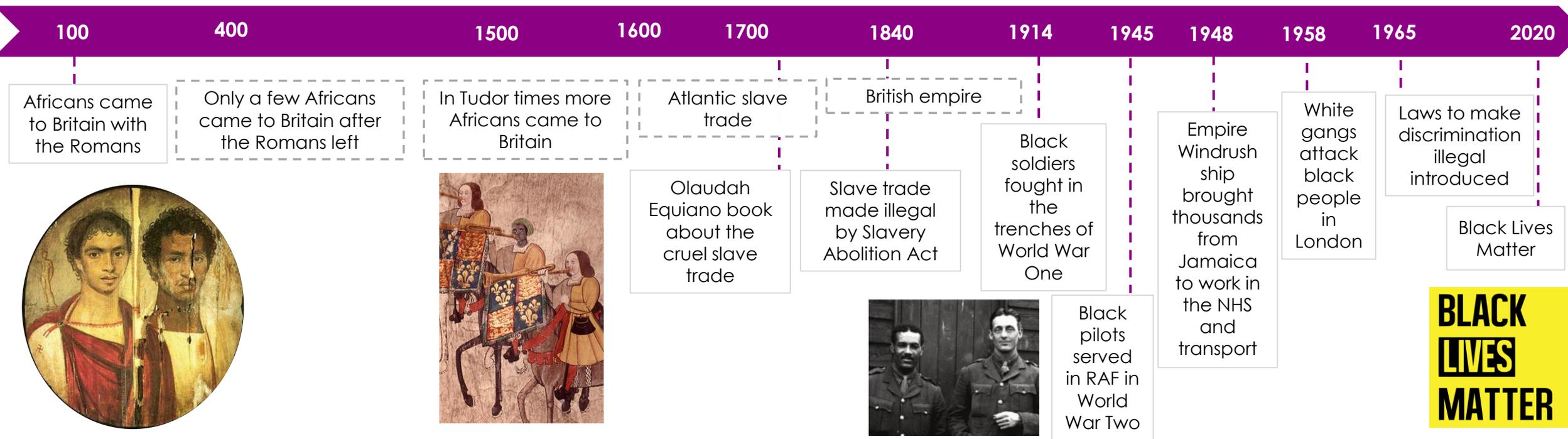
# Black and British

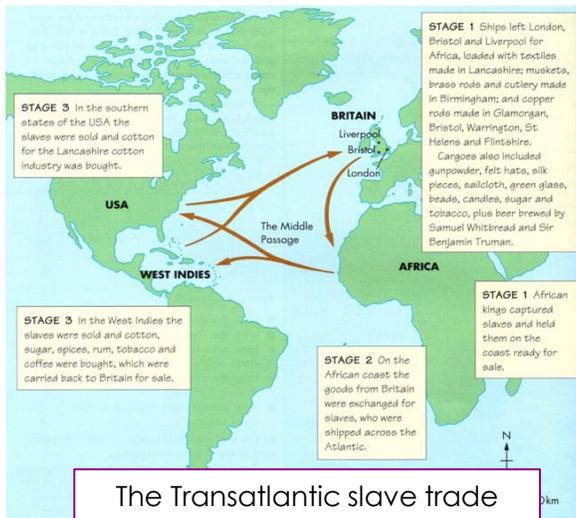
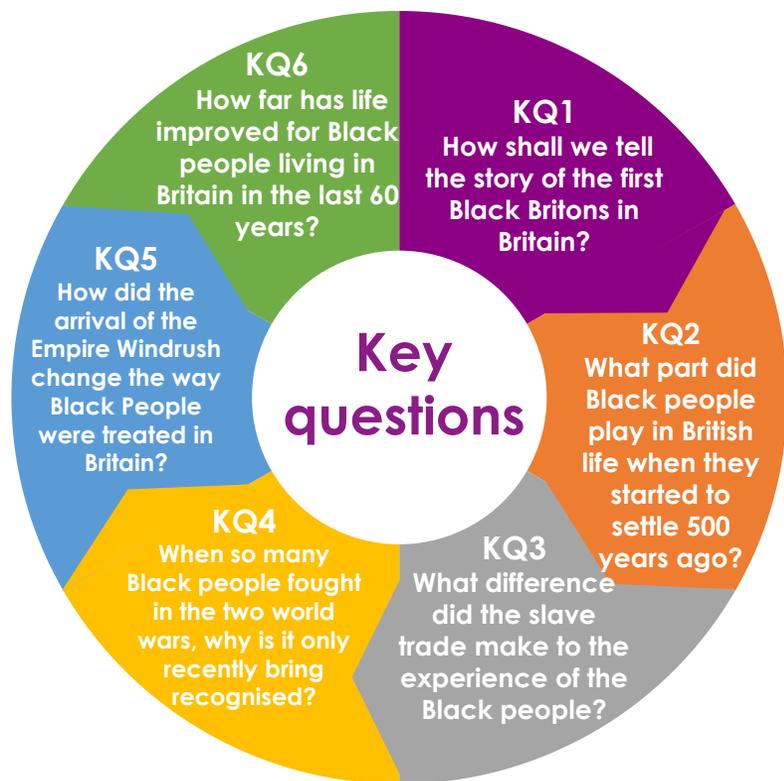
As a historian I can....



## Why we are learning about this topic

You are studying this topic in the hope that you will discover how Black British is an important part of British history. Looking back over 2000 years of British history you will see that black people played a varying part in British life, but were always present. It was not just after 1948 with the arrival of Jamaicans on the SS Windrush that black people were a significant group in British society. After all, they played an important role in both world wars. But it is in the last 75 years that the presence of black people in Britain has become much more conspicuous and has led to moments of tension leading the government to pass laws to stop discrimination. Nowadays, in your lifetime, the Black Lives Matters campaign has drawn particular attention to the need to treat everyone equally with the same respect and to acknowledge the range of ways in which black people continue to enhance British society.





## Key vocabulary

<b>Abolition</b>	Ending of slave trade and slavery
<b>Atlantic slave trade</b>	Between 1640 and 1807 millions of Africans taken to America on ships to be slaves
<b>Commonwealth</b>	Group of over 50 countries once part of the British empire
<b>Discrimination</b>	Unfair treatment of people based on unreasonable ideas about the person or group
<b>Empire</b>	large group of places controlled by one powerful country
<b>Middle passage</b>	Horroric journey that Africans were forced to take across the Atlantic as slaves
<b>Migrant</b>	A person who moved from one country to another
<b>Prejudice</b>	opinions against certain people not based on reason or actual experience
<b>Racism</b>	the unfair treatment of people who belong to a different race
<b>Segregation</b>	Keeping people from different races apart
<b>Windrush</b>	The ship Empire Windrush is remembered today for bringing over a thousand post-war West Indian immigrants to the United Kingdom and its arrival has become symbolic of the generation of Commonwealth citizens who came to live in Britain between 1948 and 1971.

## Top takeaways



**You will have learned that:**

1. There have been black people living in Britain through much of history , all the way back to Roman times
2. Black people suffered horribly as slaves working on plantations in the Americas, but they also worked as slaves in rich people's homes in British cities
3. Black people served in the trenches in World War One and as pilots in the Second World War.
4. The best-known and most significant period of black immigration came with the arrival of SS Windrush in 1948 to work in the NHS and on the buses. Many black people living in Britain today can trace their ancestors back to this time.
5. Life has not always been easy for black people living in Britain over the last 75 years so there have had to be laws to prevent discrimination.
6. The recent Black Lives Matter campaign is an attempt to show how far we still have to go to make sure black people are treated equally.



## Previous Learning

### In all year groups

- Children learn about Diversity and respect. The lives of significant black people and the impact and changes they made in the world. (Rosa Parks, Martin Luther-king, Nelson Mandela).
- Challenging narrow views of British history and ensuring pupils see themselves and others represented in the stories we tell about the past.

### In Year 2

- Children learn about Bessie Coleman the first black pilot

### In Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

- Children learn about migration and settlement as a part of British history
- Ancient Greek and Egypt interaction through trade, war and culture. Power and discrimination have impacted communities through Roman rule and hierarchy. Being exposed to different cultures and beliefs- Ancient China's philosophy, Greek democracy, Viking societies.
- Children learn about noticing changes in tools, religion or daily life across civilisations.
- Children learn how to place ancient civilisations in time and understand historical timelines.