

# Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

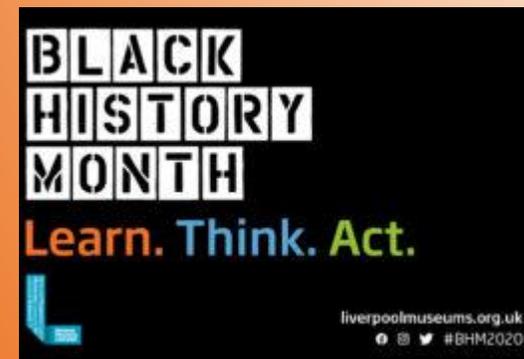
- You have conducted so much research and developed your understanding of Viking heritage and history in Britain. Your final task is to demonstrate what you have understood by answering the Big Question for this unit:

*Why did the Vikings settle in Britain and what made them so successful?*

*- Consider why they originally came here, why they stayed and their struggle between 793 and 1066 when building your response.*

# Investigating Injustice: British Black History

Black History Month is October every year!



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## British Black History

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- For our next unit, we will be exploring successful and inspirational people in more modern history. We will be researching and trying to understand the injustices that these black individuals experienced and still experience today.
- Using the provided link and information on the Black Curriculum Website, complete the research template about 6 of these individuals.
- <https://theblackcurriculum.com/downloads/history>



# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

*I can research and share my knowledge with others about a key aspect or theme in British history from after 1066.*

- Complete any research that you didn't finish on Tuesday.
- Prepare a presentation for you to be able to share your knowledge about these individuals with someone else. Consider key information that they need to know to be able to understand why this person has impacted the world around them and about any injustice they may have experienced.
- The presentation itself can be in any format that you choose.

# RE- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

*I know why and how people of different faiths demonstrate forgiveness.*

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Religion, Peace and Conflict  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation

# What Are Forgiveness and Reconciliation?

Discuss this question with your partner or group. You have 2 minutes to write down your own definitions.

- Forgiveness is the action of putting aside your anger, disappointment or feeling of hurt towards a person, event or circumstance.
- Reconciliation is when people or groups discuss their difficulties and settle their differences.

Have a go at writing your own definition of forgiveness in your book!

Can you think of any examples?



# How Easy Is It to Forgive?



People have very different views on forgiveness and reconciliation. In some situations it is easy, but in others it may be impossible.

- What is something you might find easy to forgive?
- What is something you might find difficult to forgive?
- What is something you might find impossible to forgive?

Why might people have different ideas about how easy or hard it is to forgive?

How can forgiveness benefit the person who forgives?



# Would You Forgive?

Discuss the situations below with a partner and decide how forgivable each action would be. Consider where each could be placed on the Yes/No spectrum. Remember: this is your personal opinion.



1. A close friend or relative is killed.
2. Your friend borrows your phone and breaks it.
3. You come up with a good idea which somebody else takes credit for.
4. A teacher gives you a detention for something you didn't actually do.

# Christian Views on Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a very important concept in Christianity. Complete the activity sheet to explore ideas of forgiveness in the Bible.

**Forgiveness** is a very important teaching in Christianity. There are many accounts and examples in the Bible which tell Christians about forgiveness. Christians are expected to follow these teachings.

*“Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”*

*“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins”*

# Christian Views on Forgiveness

The 'eye for an eye' passage from Exodus appears to be very different to the other Christian ideas on forgiveness. This passage is from the Old Testament, which was written before the birth of Jesus.

How does Jesus make it clear that we should not personally respond to insult or injury by taking direct revenge?

What do you think He is advising the listeners to do? Are they to just ignore the situation, or is He asking for a particular kind of response?

# Christian Views on Reconciliation

As they believe strongly in forgiveness, it is not surprising that Christians also believe in reconciliation.

Martin Luther King Jr., a Christian reverend, said:

“The method of nonviolence seeks not to humiliate and not to defeat the oppressor, but it seeks to win his friendship and his understanding. And thereby and therefore the aftermath of this method is reconciliation.”



Do you think King's 'nonviolent' approach is an effective response to conflict?

How might this aid reconciliation and prevent further conflict?

How does this reflect Jesus' advice in the New Testament?

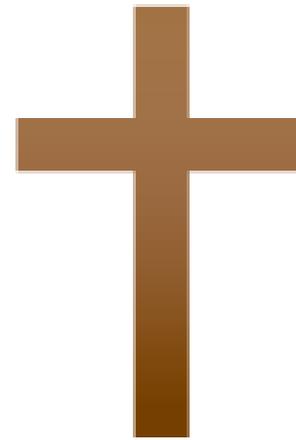
# Christian Views on Forgiveness

## ◀ **Case Study- Maureen Greaves**

Maureen Greaves' husband Alan was attacked in 2012 by two men on his way to Midnight Mass. He later died from his injuries. Maureen refused to condemn the men and forgave them for their actions.

*"My prayer is that Jonathan Bowling and Ashley Foster will come to understand and experience the love and kindness of the God who made him in his own image and that God's great mercy will inspire them to true repentance."*

Think carefully about Maureen's story. Write a reflection in your book, explaining how her faith played a large role in her process of forgiveness.



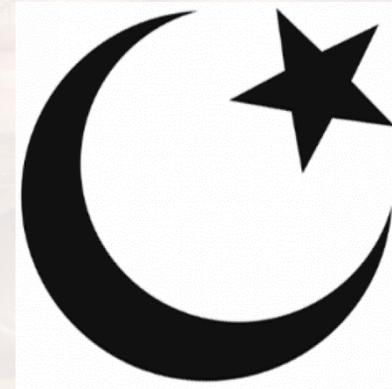
# Muslim Views on Forgiveness

Islamic teachings about forgiveness are found in verses in the Qur'an, which strongly encourage Muslims to forgive wrongdoing.

The term used to forgive people who have done wrong is 'to pardon', just as Allah will forgive people on the Day of Judgement for things which they have done.

Muslims believe no person is perfect, and everyone is capable of wrongdoing and deserves forgiveness.

*“O you who have believed, indeed, among your spouses and your children are enemies to you, so beware of them. But ... **if you pardon and overlook and forgive - then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.**”*



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## ◀ **Case study – Tariq Khamisa**

Azim Khamisa's 20-year-old son, Tariq, who was working part-time as a pizza delivery person in San Diego in the USA to fund his studies, was fatally shot in 1995. He was killed by a young teenager called Tony Hicks, who belonged to a gang known as the Black Mob. Hicks was the first 14-year-old to be put on trial as an adult in the state of California. He was found guilty, and received a 25-year prison sentence for the murder of Tariq.

Azim Khamisa set up the Tariq Khamisa Foundation in his son's name. The organisation is committed to "stopping children from killing children".

Azim is a Sufi Muslim and, following the loss of his son, he turned to his faith. Through prayer, he was eventually able to forgive Tony.

*"You do forgiveness for yourself, because it moves you on. The fact that it can also heal the perpetrator is the icing on the cake."*

Think carefully about Tariq and his family's story. Write a reflection in your book, explaining how their faith played a large role in their process of forgiveness.