

Topic - Black history in the United States

Topic task 1

Read through the MLK presentation and watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALQeX7IFBcg&safe=active>

Can you complete the timeline of key events in MLK's life?

Topic task 2

The Louisiana Literacy test:

In 1960, the Louisiana literacy test was supposedly applicable to both white and black potential voters who couldn't prove a certain level of education. In actuality, it was administered to far more black voters than white voters.

- **I would like you to have a go at the test. You have 10 minutes to complete this test. Any incorrect answers result in failure of the test.**

The Louisiana Literacy Test had no standard answer key. The persona marking the test (a white person) decided what the "correct" answers were. If you didn't get any of these questions right the very first time, you would not have passed.

Think about...

- **Is this a fair test?**
- **How might people have felt if they actually had to take this test?**

Now watch the speech... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vP4iY1T+S3s&safe=active>

Topic task 3

Banksy

<https://www.banksy.co.uk/>

Banksy is a British street and graffiti artist. He likes to remain anonymous and not let people know his true identity. He often draws in high visibility public places such as on buildings or train stations. His paintings are often about politics, war and other important topics.

Create your own piece of artwork that represents the dream you have written about for your English task.

Topic task 4

Imagine that the government decide that only left handed children are allowed to attend school. Anyone who is right handed is now told that they are now eligible and will be turned away at the door.

Write a letter explaining your thoughts about this. Is it fair? Should it happen?

Topic task 5 - Slavery

Find out about slavery by watching the video about Harriet Tubman

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-harriet-tubman/zbh8mfr>

Then, complete the task called 'A piece of history.'