

The Bristol Bus Boycott, 1963

Whilst we have been working through aspects of WW2, I want you to have a break from that this week to do some work that relates to issues that have been in the news this week. I hope you will have seen on the news about the controversial toppling of the statue of Edward Colston in Bristol. This might have reminded you of the vandalism of the statue of Arthur Harris.



For many years there had been a campaign to have the statue taken down:

<https://twitter.com/intelligence2/status/1269700311926681610?s=21>

There is now a campaign to have the statue replaced with one of Dr Paul Stephenson. He led the 1963 Bristol Bus Boycott. This was 8 years after Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King led the more famous Montgomery Bus Boycott in the USA.

For this week I would like you to learn more about the Bristol Bus Boycott by reading:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-23795655>

And watching:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-21525110/bristol-bus-boycott-50-years-on>

You might also want to read any of:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/08/edward-colston-statue-history-slave-trader-bristol-protest>

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/06/08/10000-call-replace-edward-colston-statue-bristol-bus-boycott-leader-12820101/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-52977088>

You don't have to submit any work, but if you want to comment to give your views on whether it was appropriate to put the statue of Edward Colston in the water or any other issues relating to who we should honour and how we should do so, we will read them and respond. Be very clear: there are a wide range of views on this and all views sensibly expressed will be respected.

Views about the history that is taught in schools are also making the news. Whilst we do make efforts to ensure the history taught at Manor is inclusive and diverse, we are well aware it could be more so and we continue to make efforts to this end. Again, if you have any views on this, we will read them and respond.

You might also want to watch any of the programmes in the series Black and British - a forgotten history that will be available from next Monday

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b082w9p9>