

Half Term 3

Y8 Home Learning Booklet

Colston Statue

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Class _____

Teacher _____



The Colston Statue: what next?

Although our current enquiry will have us examine a period in history known as the 'Enlightenment', soon our studies will take us to the British Empire and a deeper look at the transatlantic slave trade. In preparation for this, your project this term is a lot closer to home, looking at what happened right here in Bristol with regards to the infamous Colston Statue.

Weeks	Date	Suggested Tasks
1-2	3 rd - 16 th Jan	Initial research into what happened
3-4	16 th – 23 rd Jan	Do you think it was right?
5-6	23 rd – 6 th Feb	What do you think should have happened?
6	6 th – 10 th Feb	Hand In

Task 1 – Initial Research

What happened?

Bristol George Floyd protest: Colston statue toppled

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Protesters in Bristol pull down a statue of slave trader Edward Colston

By Jack Grey
BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-52955868>

Key Takeaways from article 1 (use prompts to help you take notes as you research)

Who?

Where?

When?

Why?

B News ▶ Bristol News ▶ Edward Colston

Colston statue - the 83 minutes from plinth to harbour

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What exactly happened on Sunday?

NEWS By [Tristan Cork](#) Senior Reporter

05:31, 7 JUN 2022

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/colston-statue-83-minutes-plinth-4204716>

Key Takeaways from article 2 (use prompts to help you take notes as you research)

Who?

Where?

When?

Why?

Task 2 – How far do you agree?



By now, you will have read about the course of action that led to the toppling of this statue. But do you think it was the right thing to have happened? Consider both sides of the argument.

On the one hand, it can be argued that the statue should have been toppled because..



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On the other hand, you could argue that it should not have been toppled because...

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Overall...



Task 3 – What do you think should happen next?



Following the statue being pulled down, the statue of Edward Colston was displayed at M Shed from June 2021 to January 2022. The statue is now in M Shed's collection store.

In a survey that was conducted to find out what the people of Bristol thought should happen to the statue, four out of five people from Bristol said that the statue should go on display in a Bristol museum.

<https://exhibitions.bristolmuseums.org.uk/the-colston-statue/>

But what do you think should happen to it? Write a letter to the Mayor of Bristol outlining what you think should happen to the statue and why. Use the powers of persuasive language to convince them your course of action is best! Don't forget to back it up with historical evidence to strengthen your arguments.

Dear Mr M. Rees,