

Song Lyric Challenge

Look at the words of the song and challenge yourself to answer the questions.

Black Lives Matter—
Fleur East



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Black lives matter that's the message that's the fight, The fight against racism and not against white, It's a movement with a message that is centuries old, So if you stand against injustice then speak up and be bold, We've seen everybody come together, Stay at home and work together fighting against a virus that we can't even see, Now we face another virus one called racism, And silence isn't gonna save lives or protect you and me.

8 minutes 46 seconds can you believe?! George Floyd was held down saying he couldn't breathe, It's time to stand up, Time to put your hands up, Time to understand love's the answer and enough is enough, People fear for their lives through the shade they were painted, Can you see the picture has been tainted? The hashtag does not accuse you or exclude you, Saying all lives matter is only seeing what you choose to, If you don't have a clue it's like crashing a stranger's funeral and screaming 'yeah I lost someone too!'

The inequality, complexity, the pain and the perplexity, The gunning and running and shunning and numbing the pain, the sheer immensity, We're meant to be in this together so speak up for your brothers for your sisters, sons and daughters for the slaughtered, Born to a black mother and my father was white, My future children will be black and we'll continue the fight, Do something, say something yeah, we all have a voice, And in the colour of our skin, none of us had a choice, You can continue to divide, but the truth will remain, Underneath our skin we all bleed the same.



Comprehension Challenge

Read and listen to the song https://youtu.be/Jv5C1Q_h6BQ?t=37

Verse 1

What does Fleur mean by 'a fight against racism and not against white'?

In what ways is the 'racism virus' similar to coronavirus?

How are the lyrics persuasive?

What does the word 'injustice' mean?

Verse 2

Who is George Floyd?

What phrase does Fleur repeat and why?

What does the 'shade' represent?

Who has 'painted' the shade?

Why is the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter not enough?

Verse 3

What does the word 'perplexity' mean?

How is her use of language effective and what impact does it have on the audience?

Who is she referring to when she says 'brothers', 'sisters', 'sons and daughters'?

What does she mean by the metaphor 'we all bleed the same'?

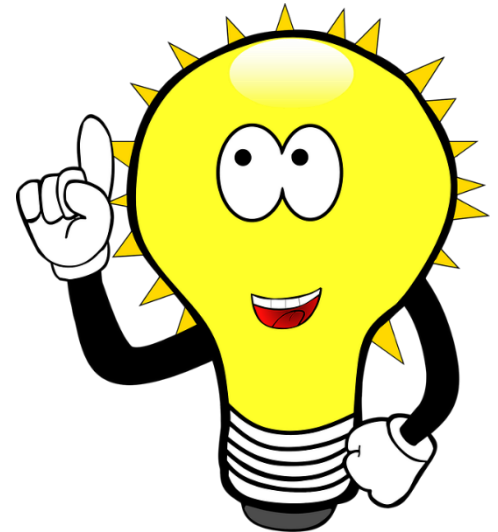
Thinking

Who is the song aimed at? - How do the lyrics of the song make you feel and why?

What does this song encourage us to do and in what ways do you think this may reflect the teachings of the Jesus?

Can you think of anyone in the Bible who suffered injustice?

Now try the extra challenge.....





CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

In the video for this song, Fleur chose to wear a sweatshirt with the face of a famous Christian minister on it. Rev'd Dr Martin Luther-King was a famous American who was killed for his beliefs.

Find out 5 facts about him.

With the information you've read, now answer this question : MLK believed that being a Christian is a **commitment to 'bettering humanity.'** Do you agree? Why?

