

KS3 Learning Activities



Bristol Bus Boycott



Newspaper article of the Bristol Bus Boycott

About the Bristol Bus Boycott

The boycotts of the Bristol Omnibus Company happened in 1963, as a result of their refusal to employ Black or Asian bus crews. The bus boycott isn't an event discussed often in British history, but it was a milestone moment in achieving equality in Britain at the time.

Head over to this <u>link</u> to learn about the history of the Bristol Bus Boycott, and the background of the participants!

Participants of the Bristol Bus Boycott



Bristol Bus Boycott plaque

Paul Stephenson, Roy Hackett, Owen Henry, Audley Evans and Prince Brown

picture: theguardian

Students parade across The Centre with placards in support of the employment of coloured labour.

Students marching in Bristol in protest against a "colour bar" on the buses

Test yourself!

- 1. Who was the spokesperson for the West Indian development council?
- 2. What year did the boycott begin?
- 3. How many months did it take for the colour bar to end?
- 4. What was the estimated amount of Caribbean people who settled in Bristol after WWII?

Research and writing task

Imagine that you are a magazine journalist writing about the Bristol Bus Boycott.

Create an article following the steps below:



- 1. Include factual information about the Bristol Bus Boycott to educate others on this event.
- 2. Tell the reader about each member of the party.
- 3. Write an opinion piece about how you feel about the Bristol Bus Boycotts and what it has taught you.