

Ark Pioneer learning at Home
Additional Support Booklet
English Language – Week 10



Work to be completed

Note: For English, it is easier to do 3 days of 1-hour literature lessons, and 2 days of 1-hour English language lessons rather than the recommended 30 mins a day of core subjects.

You should complete this lesson if you are finding the main English booklet too challenging. Then move onto the main booklet for lesson 2 if you have time.

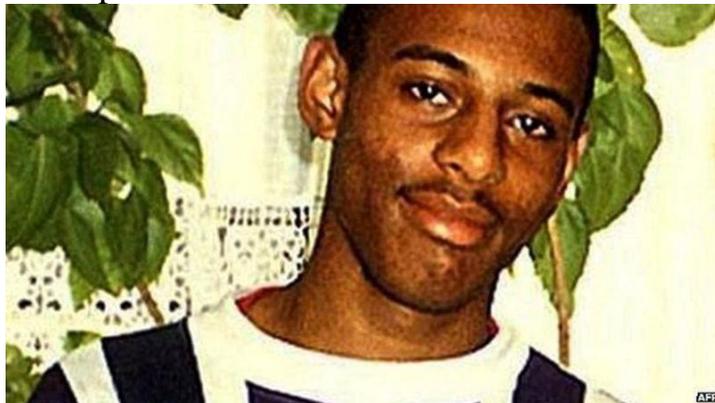
- English Language lesson 1 – Mastery Writing

1. Reading – Read this article about a boy who was killed.

Who was Stephen Lawrence?

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Who was Stephen Lawrence?

Stephen Lawrence was a black teenager who lived in Eltham in South London.

He was studying for his A-levels and wanted to be an architect when he was older.

He lived with his mum, dad, brother and sister.

Stephen was killed in 1993, when he was 18 years old.

What happened to Stephen?

On 22 April 1993, Stephen was killed by a gang of white men in a racist attack.

He had been waiting for a bus with a friend, when the gang attacked them.

Stephen's friend escaped unhurt, but Stephen died from his injuries.

What happened to his killers?

After Stephen's death, police started to investigate suspects who they believed were responsible for the attack.

But Stephen Lawrence's family felt that not enough was being done to capture Stephen's killers.

Glossary

architect – somebody who designs buildings

gang – group

Nelson Mandela, the president of South Africa at the time, met with his family and called on the police to do more.

Although some suspects were charged with Stephen's murder, these charges were dropped before a trial could happen.

That's because the people making the decision to take the suspects to trial didn't think that there was enough evidence to prove they murdered Stephen.



Stephen's family met with Nelson Mandela soon after his death

Why was the investigation into Stephen's death criticised?



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A plaque was laid at the spot where Stephen Lawrence was attacked

In the months and years that followed Stephen's murder, Stephen's mum and dad kept fighting for justice for their son.

Many people believed the police treated Stephen's case differently because he was black - and that some officers acted in a racist way.

A big inquiry into Stephen's killing and the police investigation was held, [called the Macpherson report] and in 1999 it found that the Metropolitan police were 'institutionally racist'.

charged – accused (said somebody has committed a crime)

dropped – they stopped charging them of a crime

suspect – people who the police think have done a crime

criticised – people did not think it was good and it had faults

plaque – a sign to remember something important

justice – the right thing, in this case that the murdered were found guilty

inquiry – investigation, examine something carefully to see if there is anything wrong to fix

This means that racist attitudes and beliefs were seen as normal in the Metropolitan police, and affected how they investigated Stephen's murder.

Did Stephen get justice?

In 2012, two of the original suspects in Stephen's killing, Gary Dobson and David Norris, were found guilty of his murder and sent to prison, after new evidence was found.

[Also, the law was changed when this new evidence was found so that they could start a new court case on the same person they have tried to prove guilty before.]

Although there were other suspects in Stephen's murder, the Metropolitan police have said that its inquiry was "unlikely to progress" without any new evidence.

What was the impact of Stephen's death?



PETER MACDIARMID

The Stephen Lawrence Centre opened in South London in 2008, to inspire young people to follow their dreams

For many people, Stephen's murder and the investigation into it by the police showed that there was still a lot of racism in Britain.

Stephen's father, Dr Neville Lawrence, said that his son's murder "opened the country's eyes" to racism.

Stephen's mother, Baroness Doreen Lawrence, set up a charity in his name to give other young people the opportunities that Stephen missed out on.

2. Answer these comprehension questions

1. What date was the article written?
2. Where did Stephen Lawrence live?
3. What did Stephen was to be when he was older?

4. What happened to Stephen?
5. What did Stephen's family think and feel about the way the police were investigating (looking into who did it) Stephen's murder?
6. A big inquiry was held to investigate the police because people thought the police treated Stephen's case differently because he was black - and that some officers acted in a racist way. What did this report find?
7. Did Stephen's murderer get charged?
8. What did this murder reveal about Britain for many people? **Hint – look at the last paragraph of the article.**

3. How did Stephen's murder change the UK?

Stephen's murder changed the UK because...

Useful vocabulary:

- institutionally racist
- charity
- inquiry
- changed the law

Answers

2. Answer these comprehension questions

1. What date was the article written? **17 Apr 2018**
2. Where did Stephen Lawrence live? **Eltham in South London**
3. What did Stephen was to be when he was older? **Architect – somebody who designs buildings**
4. What happened to Stephen? **On 22 April 1993, Stephen was killed by a gang of white men in a racist attack.**
5. What did Stephen's family think and feel about the way the police were investigating (looking into who did it) Stephen's murder? **They felt that not enough was being done to capture Stephen's killers. They might have felt annoyed and upset.**
6. A big inquiry was held to investigate the police because people thought the police treated Stephen's case differently because he was black - and that some officers acted in a racist way. What did this report find? **That the Metropolitan Police were 'institutionally racist'. This means that racist attitudes and beliefs were seen as normal in the Metropolitan police, and affected how they investigated Stephen's murder.**
7. Did Stephen's murdered get charged? **Some of them did – 'In 2012, two of the original suspects in Stephen's killing, Gary Dobson and David Norris, were found guilty of his murder and sent to prison, after new evidence was found.' However, some of the suspects (people they thought had also done it) were not caught.**
8. What did this murder reveal about Britain for many people? **Hint – look at the last paragraph. For many people, this showed that there was still a lot of racism in Britain.**

3. How did Stephen's murder change the UK?

Possible answers include: Stephen's murder changed the UK because...

- it led to an inquiry which found that the police were institutionally racist
- it also changed the law so that police could start a new court case on the same person they have tried to prove guilty before
- it showed people that there was still a lot of racism in Britain.