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Following protests campaigning for Black Lives Matter, demonstrators in Bristol pulled down a statue of a former slave trader, Edward Colston and threw it into the harbour. It is likely that the statue will now be placed in a museum. Many other famous statues have been in question in other parts of the UK, with issues regarding what they represent and if they should be given such prominent positions in towns and cities. This statue is Mary Seacole. A nurse in Crimean war. Statues and monuments can mean different things to different people. As time moves on, society changes and so it is important for us all to reflect on what we value and choose to celebrate collectively.

Listen, Think, Share

- Are there any statues or monuments near where you live? Do you know why they are there and the history behind them? If not, can you think of any other famous statues?
- Who do you think are the most deserving of having a statue and why?
- If statues upset or offend people, do you think they should be taken down?
- Talk about who you think should decide who the statues are of and where they should be placed?

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which shows examples of statues.

Have you seen a statue before?
Who or what was the statue of?
Where was the statue?



A statue is an object made from a hard material, usually stone or metal. They are often of people and animals and are life-size or larger.

Statue of Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia in 1930. The statue is found at Hull and Herne Bay, Kent.

Statue found in Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris.



A statue of a lion found in a garden.

Statue in York of Constantine I, a Roman Emperor.



Statue found in Canada of horses and a cowboy.



Resource 2

Look at the resource below, where some children share who they think deserves a statue and why.

Do you agree that these people should have a statue?
Why/why not?

I think my mum should have a statue. She is the best mum in the world! She looks after me and my brother, she is always there to listen and to help us, she is so kind and she is always helping other people too.

Lewis

I live in Leicester and feel very proud that Elizabeth Heyrick, who was born in the late 1700's, was also from Leicester. She campaigned for the immediate abolition of slavery. I think she should have a statue in Leicester so we can remember her and celebrate her contribution.

Stefcia



Bronze sculpture of Nelson Mandela, Parliament Square, London.

Marcus Rashford, the professional footballer, definitely deserves to have a statue. Not only is he an amazing footballer, he has done so much to fight for free school meal vouchers for those that need them during lockdown.

Alina

I think that Greta Thunberg should have a statue. She has done so much to raise awareness of the climate crisis we face. A statue would not only honour her work but also remind people this is still an issue and we must continue to tackle it.

Zachary