

1. Watch the video from 0:00 to 1:18. Listen to the first verse of Dave’s rap, *Black*.

a. Circle the words you hear.

beautiful • working • rice • twice • heart • hard • trouble • double • level • gravel

b. Now rephrase.

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2. What does “our heritage has been severed” mean? Circle the right answer.

– “our heritage has been rewritten”

– “our heritage has been ignored”

– “our heritage has been cut off”

3. Rephrase the idea in these two sets of lines:

“The blacker the berry the sweeter the juice

A kid dies, the blacker the killer, the sweeter the news”

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4. a. Cross the odd one out.

And if he’s right / white you give him a chance, he’s ill / hill and confused

If he’s black he’s probably warm / armed, you see him and shoot

b. Then rephrase his idea.

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5. a. Focus on verse 3 (from 1:53 to 3:30). Circle the names of places and nationalities that you hear.

Gambian • Ghanaian • Moroccan • Bahrain • Egyptian • Coast of Ivory • Gold Coast •
Benin • West Africa • East Africa

b. Show Dave’s goal when citing these names.

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6. Focus on these lines in verse 3:

“Black is so confusin’, ’cause the culture? They’re in love with it
They take our features when they want and have their fun with it.”

Who is “they”?

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7. Here is the transcription of the added verse. Listen to it and write down the proper nouns you hear.

“It is racist whether or not it feels racist. The truth is our’s a real racist. They say, ‘you should be grateful we’re the least racist’, I say the least racist is still racist.

And if somebody hasn’t said it, equality’s a right, it doesn’t deserve credit. Now if you don’t wanna care then you’re never gonna care. How the news treats Kate versus how they treat

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“Rest in peace you’re my brother in arms there’s tears in our eyes and love in our hearts – we never had the same background, culture, colour or past but you devoted your life to giving others a chance. And for that, I’m so taken aback. Because he gave us all a voice, I have to say it for Jack as a young black man to see in paper and crack.

Real sentences it’s just paper and cracks.

All he would want is unity, funding for communities, equal opportunities, people under scrutiny, no more immunity, way less scrutiny, more conservation, less deforestation, we want rehabilitation. Now that would be amazing. But Grenfell victims still need accommodation and we still need support for the generation, reparations for the time our people spent on plantations. I’m done.”

8. After checking with your classmates, look the following nouns up and say why Dave is mentioning them:

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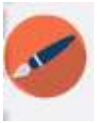
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9. You have just watched the video on YouTube: leave a message.

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