

## **Teachers Notes**

Peaches Golding

Links to the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 History

Students will gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between national and international history; between cultural, economic, military and political history.

This lesson would easily fit into schemes of learning on the following topics:

- Political power, industry and empire.
- Britain as the first industrial nation – the impact on society.
- The development of the British Empire, party politics and social reform.
- Britain's Transatlantic Slave Trade: its effects and its eventual abolition
- The History of protest and/or civil rights movements.
- The lesson is also relevant to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

### **SMSC development**

The lesson gives students the ability to be reflective about their own non religious beliefs and perspective on life, their knowledge of, and respect for, different people's feelings and values.

It will build their understanding of the history of Britain from the earliest times to the present day: Especially how the actions and views of people in Jamaica have shaped this nation.

It offers the opportunity to develop reasoned views about moral and ethical issues. Giving students a chance to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on historical issues.

## Lesson structure

The structure outlines the historical context that Peaches Golding was born into, and describes the events that changed history during the Civil Rights movement in the US. This history of protest and political change has influenced Peaches Golding's personal journey as a woman of African American descent whose career in Britain is testament to her faith in the ability of society and its institutions to change for the better.

The lesson encourages students to consider what are the barriers to social change and what can overcome them. Students have a chance to listen to the poetry of Lawrence Hoo, refer to visual sources and apply their historical reasoning to answer the task questions.

## **Hibiscus Queen**

If fairy tales were real then this would be one  
Of how a descendant of the enslaved became a queen's number one

With our heroine's roots firmly planted in slavery  
This is a tale of courage, endurance and bravery

Peaches Golding's journey is remarkable and unique  
Chronicled through a history; dark, light, rich and deep

This branch of the family tree started with the sale of Bethania in 1858  
Bought to work as a housekeeper on the Hauser's 3000 acre estate

To have one ancestor who is purchased by another  
Who becomes your matriarch, your eternal mother

While the other becomes your great-great-grandfather  
Created a family tree that was hard to decipher

Over the next hundred years Peaches Golding's ancestors gained social standing and independence  
Showing in the stand taken by her father with his brave act of defiance

Peaches Golding's father Charlie Hauser, was arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus in 1947  
He was not prepared to accept his fate, and took out a case against the Greyhound Bus Company for racial discrimination

This groundbreaking case which Charlie Hauser won resulted in an apology and \$2000 compensation  
Heralding a victory against racial segregation 8 years before Rosa Parks' refusal to stand inspired a nation

Crossing classes and cultures for the betterment of us all  
Peaches Golding is driven to help the dispossessed stand tall

## **Hibiscus Queen**

In recognition of this Peaches Golding was awarded an OBE in 2009  
Which started her ascent to a position none before had been able to climb

In her presence you get an essence of the gift she shares  
With sincerity in her eyes you can see that she cares  
With an illuminating soul it is love that she bares

Peaches Golding was appointed High Sheriff of Bristol in 2010  
Appointed to a position usually held by men

With being only the second of African descent  
Peaches' spirit and beliefs inspire her ascent

Passionate, positive, dignified and regal  
Is a legacy to aspire to, to stand as her equal

Peaches Golding's legacy is born from a journey of loss and reconciliation  
Which resulted in Peaches Golding being appointed to represent a nation

Peaches Golding was appointed Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County and City of Bristol  
on April 22nd 2017  
Making Peaches Golding Bristol's very own Queen  
Which is a reality for us to know so we can continue to dream

## **Lawrence Hoo**