

Hi everyone! I hope you are staying well during the lockdown! I have prepared this worksheet for you - you need to watch a short video to answer the questions. Please send your work to this email address: vitalin2020@gmail.com Email me with any questions!

Lots of love, Vita

Noughts and Crosses

Noughts & Crosses is a famous book by Malorie Blackman. It has just been released as a TV show on the BBC. The story happens in London, in an imaginary future where Europe was colonised by Africa, instead of the other way around. In this world, there are two groups of people: the 'Noughts' and the 'Crosses'. In the story, we follow the lives of Sephy, a rich and powerful Cross, and Callum, a poor Nought. This TV show deals with the issues of racial inequality and segregation between black and white people.

- What is meant by segregation? Can you think of two countries which have had famous laws about racial segregation? Which years were these laws in effect?

The following questions are about the TV show, Noughts & Crosses. Watch the trailer and answer the questions.

- What genre is this story?
- Which people are the Noughts? What is a synonym for 'nought' in English?
- Which people are the Crosses?
- Write the first sentence we hear in the trailer (*between 0.00 and 0.08*). The person who says this sentence is called Kamal Hadley. He is a powerful politician and Sephy's father.
- Does Kamal Hadley believe in segregation or integration?
- Write 3 sentences predicting what will happen in this show.
- What do you think is the message of this story?
- In the British newspapers, there are lots of different reactions to the release of the show. Some people have said it encourages racial hatred, while other people think it teaches people about racism and encourages empathy. What do you think? How will it affect audiences to see racial inequality shown in reverse to what we experience in the real world?

This is the Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTEJ4KJh4Ug>