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Thomas Edison



Lewis Howard Latimer

“Education is important unless we want to continue living the life that we are living and want to continue having demonstrations every now and again and a few people saying a few things. When I say education, I mean going back in history. What people need to understand is that thing stems from a long time ago, hundreds of years ago,” **Holding said** *on Sky Sports.*

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Misconceptions about Black British History:

1. The UK's population only became multicultural in the 1900s.
2. If there were Black people living in Britain before the 1900s, they would have been enslaved.
3. Europe has always been richer and more 'advanced' than Africa.



Misconception - a view or opinion that is incorrect based on a misunderstanding of the facts.

Misconception no. 1:

The UK's population only became multicultural in the 1900s.



Settlement of Black Roman soldiers, 3rd century CE.

1800 years ago, North African troops guarded a Roman fort that once stood in Burgh-by-Sands, a village in Cumbria.

1. What does this show about the population of Britain?
2. How does this challenge the misconception?

Misconception no. 2:

If there were Black people living in Britain before the 1900s, they would have been enslaved.



The Ivory Bangle Lady

She was a high-status adult female, of North African descent, who died in York in the 4th century CE. Her skeleton was found with bracelets, pendants, earrings, beads as well as a glass jug and mirror.

1. How can we tell that this person was 'high-status'?
2. How does this challenge the misconception?
3. What does this show us about the position of Black people in 4th century Britain?

Misconception no. 3:

Europe has always been richer and more 'advanced' than Africa.



Mansa Musa, 1280 - 1337 CE.

Mansa Musa, was the tenth ruler of the Mali Empire, an Islamic West African state. Historians estimate that Mansa Musa, in modern currency, was worth around \$400bn. That is more than twice as wealthy as Amazon's Jeff Bezos - the richest person alive today. Most of Mansa Musa's wealth came from gold and salt.

1. What does this teach us about Africa in the medieval period?
2. How does this challenge the misconception?