



# Media Studies

## Transition Tasks



# Introduction

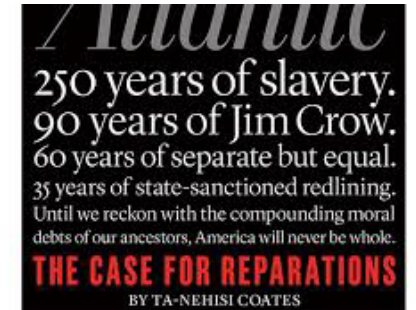
- This series of tasks should be completed before you start the A level Media Studies course in September. The tasks are all designed to give you an understanding and context for some of the products that you will be studying.

# Task 1 - Research



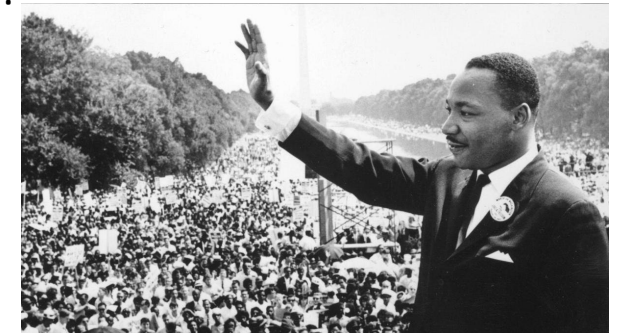
- **History of Black America**

- **Slavery** – gain an understanding of what slavery was like for Africans and for whites, and how this eventually led into the present day communities.
- **Oppression** - What forms has it taken since the end of slavery?
- **Politics** – What laws were passed that affected the black experience of America?
- **Current day** – George Floyd, what happened on the day, what has happened since?



- **History of the Afro-Caribbean experience in Britain**

- Understand why Afro-Caribbeans came to Britain in the 1950s and 1960s
  - Gain an understanding of the racist behaviours that led to the Notting Hill Riots (generally, as there was more than one riot) – who was displaying this behaviour, what form did it take, and what was the impact?
  - How large is the Afro-Caribbean population in the UK now and where do such communities live in the UK?
- You can present this information in a format of your choice e.g. ppt, word doc etc



## Task 2 - Watch

- As part of the course you will have to study the following TV drama series. It will help you to contextualize the specific episodes being studied if you have seen the rest of the drama series.
- Watch one or both of the following series in their entirety:
  - Capital**– Available on DVD or itunes.
  - Deutschland 83**– Available on channel 4 ondemand
- Create a sheet of characters for future reference.



# Task 3 - Play

- As part of the course you will study computer games. To help you understand the worlds that are being created it would be of benefit to you to have played at least one of the following games:
- Any **Horizon Forbidden West** game
- Any **Metroid** game
- Any **SIM freeplay** game.



# TIF – How the media has impacted you

- In Media Studies it is important that you are confident in presenting and can critically analyse media products. As part of your course you'll study a range of texts from across the media e.g. online, TV, film, radio, magazines, newspapers, music videos, video games.
- Create a presentation to explain the main media influences in your life. What has had the most impact and why? – you choose the format eg. Powerpoint, short film or Vlog
  - You can include a clip (no more than 30 secs), still or image from any relevant media.
  - The presentation can have written content and/or sound e.g. a voice over.