Unit 1 : Diversity and Inclusion

Black lives matter

A photo(graph) = a snapshot = a pic, to hold placards = signs, against racism/for black people’s rights, to shout in a megaphone, to raise one’s fist (I raise MY fist), George Floyd on May 25th, 2020 : Arrested for using a counterfeit bill, handcuffed, face down on the ground/policeman knelt on George’s neck for 8 minutes while George was shouting “I can’t breathe”. To defy the rule of the ban/the lockdown.

Background = demonstrators, Foreground : a gp of policemen. They are getting on a knee as a sign of protest/respect. An approval + Prying.

To side with/to take side with

“Racism it stops with the me” is the motto of the origin of this poster. Search engine bar : recommendations denigrate the black people 🡪 convey a very negative message. This word show by google is popular search sentences. The Caption : “You’re wrong Google” 🡺 black men aren’t failure, losers. Comment : “Combatting racism requires reflection on channels that can poison your mind and judgement” 🡺 social media can have a bad influence.

He his gag by the search engine bar on his mouth. An awareness complain against racism on Internet/social media. Racism is very present on the Internet. To denounce racial prejudice targeting at black people. To put the stress on deep-rooted racist stereotypes. To warn us to bee clear-sighted/to be an our watch when browsing the Net.

* Respect
* Safety
* Not shot
* Bank credit

White privilege : the capacity/ability to do thing black people can’t do ; benefits from the society that black people ; not being judge or arrested because of their skin colour ; a luxury ; it’s a ticket to anything ; the expectation to be treated fairly. It’s an asset in American society to seize the opportunities at hand.

Contrary to white people, bank refuse to give credit/to land money to black people ; White kids can play with plastic toy guns without being threatened by the police ; being called the N-word and not being prevented from answering back ; Whites are respected – expect to be respected/protected/free.

Opposition/Contrast :

\_\_\_\_\_. Whereas/while \_\_\_\_\_.  
On the one hand, \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_Contrary to/Unlike\_\_\_\_\_

Gérondif vs Infinitif:

Le gérondif renvoie à une activité en cours ou quelque chose qu’on a déjà fait, ou considéré comme déjà existante. A la différence de « to » (infinitif) qui est la projection vers l’avant. Le gérondif est employé derrière la très grande majorité des prépositions, la seule à quelques exceptions près qui impose l’usage de l’infinitif.

The Jim Crow laws : to amused/ to entertain white public, was the malicious caricature of a Black Man, invented in 1836 (the first one was a white man) to turn Black People to ridicule, 1865 abolition of slavery / black slaves are free = emancipation but that promises are dumb, 1875-1880 : Jim Craw laws were establish which led to segregation : separate but equal Doctrine on shops, restaurant, schools, bus and church, they abide they time (they wait), develop their own communities + use power of press, court and justice, 1919 KKK (white supremacists), lynching and burning => violence against black (*Mississippi Burning*, *Strange Fruit* by B. Holiday). 1954 : desegration in schools (Black People have the right to go to Black schools)

Photo A: In this photo, KKK, emerged after civil war, organisation, racists, pointy hat, white robes, flag bearer 🡺 The Spangled Banner = patriotism, 13/09/1926, the capital, they are marching in the street on Washington City (capital), Congress : symbolize the legislative power of the country + Americans Citizens, the institution accept, arms are folded.

Photo B: The picture represent two separate water fountains, probably on public toilets. On the one hand the sink is clean and a little bit voluminous. On the other hand, people need to lean, it’s very small and in a bad state. The sink on the left is probably much expensive unlike the right one. We can see two placards, above the sinks, which say that the best sink is for white persons and the black people must use the other. The artist want to denounce the segregation between white and black.

Photo C: Black and White photo, 1957, Arkansas, White insults Black student. The only one who wear sunglasses, “non-segregated high school”, white students are yelling at her. Ideas of the gvt stop segregation ≠ reaction of other white people (full of hatred). The Little Rock Nine : (Biggest city in Arkansas) Central High School. To take sides with the Black girl who look resilient and determined to assert her right.

Call one’s names = traiter quelqu’un de

Photo D: Photo of protest, 1965, In New York, demonstration peaceful, hold placards, goal 🡪 Expose desegration, assert to people rights, reflects inclusion. Any work of life. The policeman is not focused on the demonstrators 🡪 Share their ideas.

Working class < middle class < upper middle class < upper class.

*CF FEUILLE*

Enumeration, antitheses, pronoun “we”, repetitions.

Malcolm X was uncompromising/radical ideas =/= MLK to come to an argument with the authorities. Civil rights activism was very risky 🡺 Act of bravery/heroism. White supremacist steal have the lead. Many black leaders were gagged by them. MX and MLK were assonated in the 1960s but their fight has inspired many people. Their legacy hac paned the way for future black leaders election.

Ex 1 p245

1. For
2. Ago
3. Since
4. For
5. Ago
6. For

Ex 4 p245

1. Has taught
2. Have sent
3. I have rung
4. They have taken
5. He has shown
6. Have won

Nina Simone (1933-2003) is an activist who fought for black rights, US had to change. Evolution on her mindset : 1st the creation of a “Black State” (separatism) 🡪 no difference between the 2 (it’s a human attribute to oppress on other community) 🡪 assert BP rights under the Constitution 🡪 black revolution 🡺 Violence. Malcolm X influenced her 🡪 Violence is the unique solution (the bullet>ballot). Difference between race 🡪 White are privilege.

Muhamed Ali : Black Muslim minister (converted to Islam when he was young) 🡺 World Heavyweight Title. Vietnam war 🡪 31% of eligible whites against 64% of Afro-American. M-A was initiated to take the oath of office for the US Army. He refuse to be inducted into the US Army on April 29th 1967. He wanted to denounce the unfair treatment of BP as if the life doesn’t matter or cannon fodder. Consequences : $10,000 find + Boxing license suspended and his title + passport taken away + Banned from fighting. He was sentenced to 5 years in jail but remained free on bail. The most famous conscientious objector during the Vietnam War.

Chronological linking words

In the beginning / to begin with / At first / First of all

Then / Afterwards / After that / Later on / Following this

Finally / In the end / Eventually

The speech he deliver on his Election Day in 2008. He develops his pitch around the example of a lady named Ann Nixon Cooper, a 106-year-old black woman as she is a symbol of all the changes/evolution that occurred in the US society over the last century. Of all the shift that’s will take place/occur in the future. She cast her ballot. All the dramatical event (important) : abolition of slavery ; refers to the right to vote given to black people in 1870 but really in 1965; 1918 : right to vote for women ; Dust Bowl + Depression but New Deal (1933) ; WWII (Attack of Peal Harbour) 6th December 1941 🡺 Victory of democracy ; fight against segregation and for civil war led by black people + MLK in the 1950s ; 1st man on the moon + Berlin wall + The advert/birth of Internet. “Yes we can” = Trouble 🡪 hope + right. His victory is a historical landmark and a historic event. Black women voices count (Michelle Obama, Ophrah Winfrey) + “Obamacare” (Access to healthcare to the poorest) + tried to limit the impact of the economic crises 🡪 he granted civil rights for gay and lesbian + DACA : Deferred Action for Children Arrivals : suppose to give an authorized immigrant children who had grown up in the US to give access to a legal status and a kind of citizen ship 🡪 the first stone of the “Dream Act” but never succeed (abandoned in 2010). He became nicknamed “the deporter-in-chief” : he accepted to deport 2M illegal immigrant back to their country of origin. He send troops to Afghanistan he accepted to open the Guantanamo. Police violence increased. He failed to put an end to endemic poverty 🡪 to broaden the gap between the haves/wealthy/well-off and the have-nots/needy/badly-off (black and white too) with inequalities in prospects/Opportunities and treatment 🡪 lend in 2015 on the creation of Black lives Matter movement on FB. Obama only partly broad the change he had promised.

ADJECTIVES NEVER TAKE “S” FOR PLURAL.

Lori Lightfoot, mayor of Chicago, 2019, black American gay woman, run against another women, a really massive victory / most crowded ballot, changes : Chicago is hit by corruption and violence. To put forward the interest of the majority against a minority. Election speech, created a movement for change, nobody gave much chances, against powerful interest/machine, MLK : “faith is taken a first step when you can’t see the stair case” 🡪 No matter how/However uncertain the future is/tough the challenges are the fight for equality and inclusion must go on, people elected our future, the beginning of something a little bit different, what colour you are, doesn’t matter how tall you are (she is small), doesn’t matter who you love. She advocates a more inclusive city embracing diversity. She wants Chicago to be an inclusive city.