



## Learning Activity - Key Stage 3

This resource provides learning activities for your students using People's Collection Wales. It is one of a series of six relating to Paul Robeson for KS3.

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## Paul Robeson: An Education



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### Introduction

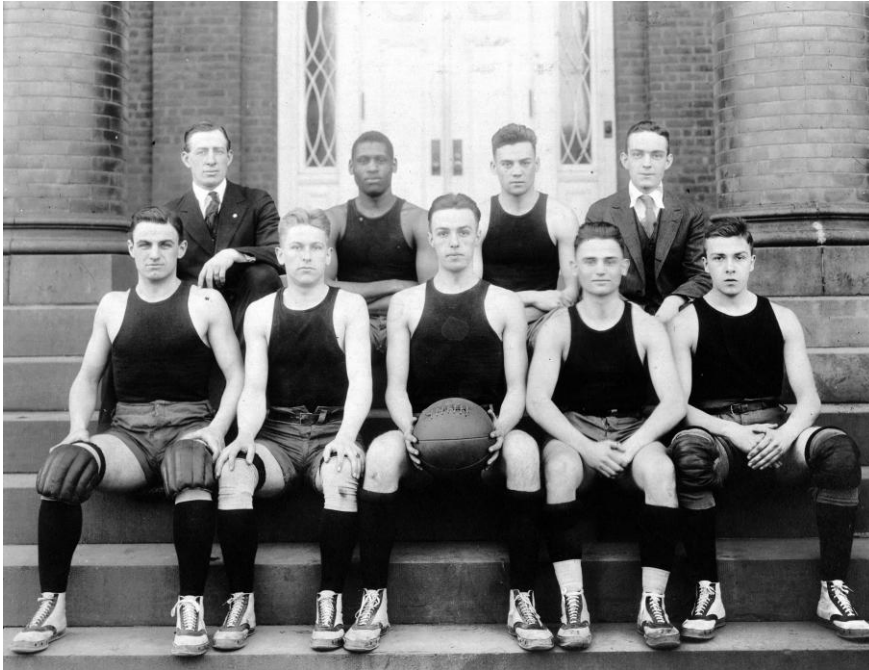
#### What early experiences of racism did Robeson have?

This unit supports pupils' development of enquiry skills by looking at some of the evidence of the early years of Robeson's life. What challenges and experience of racism did Robeson have in his daily lives as African-American living in early twentieth century United States of America?

#### Tasks and learning objectives

1. Did Robeson experience racism at college?
2. Equality and Diversity?

## 1. Did Robeson experience racism at college?



*Robeson and Rutgers College basketball team*

Investigate the background of Robeson at college and his first job at the law company.

Did he come up against any challenges due to his background and the colour of his skin?

How did he react to any racist challenges?

**Link to image on People's Collection Wales website**

**[Robeson and Rutgers College Basketball team](#)**

## 2. Equality and Diversity?



*Columbia Law School graduation class, 1923*

What does equality mean to you?

What does diversity mean to you?

Discuss these two words in small groups and then present your ideas to the whole class.  
Does everyone have the same point of view?

Do we use these words to describe the communities we live in today? Can we use them to describe communities in the past?

Was the Rutgers College community equal and diverse? Examine the evidence.

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