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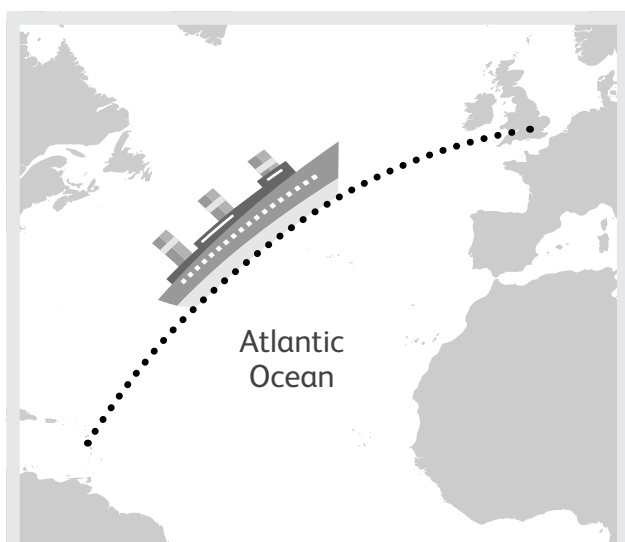
# ASQUITH XAVIER

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Let's find out why...

## ASQUITH SAILED TO ENGLAND ON A BOAT FROM THE CARIBBEAN – IT WAS A REALLY LONG JOURNEY!

Asquith was born on an island called Dominica in the Caribbean in 1920 – that's 100 years ago!

In 1956, he boarded a boat in the Caribbean, with lots of other people, and they all sailed to England to get jobs, and to help after the Second World War had ended. When he arrived in England, he took a job working at a railway station.



### Did you know?

It took 30 days for the boat to sail all the way from the Caribbean to England! Asquith was on the boat for a whole month.



## HE LOVED WORKING ON THE RAILWAYS – BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY FOR HIM

Asquith applied for a new job at a big train station in London – but they said no, and they told him it was because he was a black man from the Caribbean. So, they wouldn't give him the job, even though he would have been perfect for it!

This is called racism, and it was very common. In fact, it wasn't against the law for companies to do this – but Asquith felt it just wasn't fair.

So, he decided to see if he could change things!

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## HE WAS REALLY BRAVE AND ASKED PARLIAMENT TO HELP HIM

He took his fight all the way to parliament in London, and he won! This meant that he got his dream job, but also that a law was passed by Government so that companies were no longer allowed to reject people for jobs, just because of the colour of their skin, or where they came from in the world.

The word for this is 'discrimination', and thanks to Asquith, it's now against the law to discriminate in this way.



### Class discussion points

- Do you know where the Caribbean is?
- How do you think Asquith felt to be turned down for a job he really wanted, just because of the colour of his skin?
- Do you think it's fair he was turned down for the job?
- Do you think Asquith was brave for taking his fight all the way to parliament?

## ASQUITH THE HERO!

This is Asquith, he lived between 18 July 1920 – 18 June 1980. There are even signs to remember him at train stations in London and Kent!

It's important that we all remember about Asquith's fight, because there's still racism today, all across the world, and things are still not fair and equal for everyone.

