# Football's Champions of Change

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### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

This inspirational book charts the history of the antiracism movement in English football and beyond, shining light on both the divisive and unifying power of the beautiful game.



# OUR THOUGHTS

"Pertitent subject with a good bredth of material throughout football history right up to date. Perfect for Black History Month."



#### THEMES:

Football • Racism Equality • Heroes

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 The Euro 2020 final revealed deep-seated racist attitudes in a minority of the population. How did it make you feel seeing Rashford, Saka and Sancho facing on-line abuse when they had played so well for their country?
- **2** Despite all the progress towards anti-racism in the last 30 years, why is discrimination towards black players seen more in football than any other sport?
- **3** What is racism and what are the different ways that people show racist behaviour?
- **4** Why do people take to social media to express their racist attitudes? What should the FA do to people who do this?
- 5 How did some of the country's most successful clubs such as Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield and Glasgow become the nation's footballing homeland.

- **6** What is 'institutional racism'? How did this affect Jack Leslie's life? Do you still witness this sort of racism in your life today?
- 7 How did Pele inspire the next generation of black players? What is his legacy? Are there players today in the Premier League who will also leave behind a similar legacy?
- **8** What would you say to football hooligans who intimidate black players? What makes hooligans behave in such a way? Can their behaviour ever be justified?
- 9 How has racism in football changed since the 18th century? What needs to be done further to ensure that no player receives any sort of discrimination?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:





