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How far are black people  
encouraged to work in STEM, is  
enough being done to encourage  
their participation in this field of  
employment?

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## **Why chose this topic**

At the beginning of the project intended to cover integration in baseball which is a personal hobby of mine. However this was not possible as it was not closely related to the UK.

I then thought about the things that I enjoy and came to a conclusion to write about STEM education.

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## Initial thoughts

Initially I believed that black people would be under-represented however what surprised me was by how much. When planning this project I found myself being vague and not following my plan often; this was a learning experience for me as I learned that I struggle with planning long term, however in the short term I found myself able to work in a far more satisfactory manner.

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## Resources

Luckily for myself due to contemporary nature of my project question I had access to a massive amount of amount of data. However unluckily the diversity of said data was low for the same reason as contemporarily there is not much reason to not format research as websites or articles on said websites. Although this proved be both a blessing and a curse as major articles on the internet tend to be repeatedly verified and very reliable.

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# Structure

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# **I structured my discussion into my argument and the opposing argument**

The opposing argument included sections about.

- The equality act 2010
- Action within schools
- Meyerhoff Scholars program

My argument included included sections about.

- House of Commons library data
  - Data on STEM degree distribution
  - Personal experience of a black student
  - Testimony from a black teacher in STEM
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## Evaluation

To conclude, I found this project to be a valuable learning experience as I learned how to cope with the concept of independent learning which historically I struggle with as well as some valuable skills such as: how to write citations, structure an essay and retrieve information from articles. However I also found it to be challenging at times as I easily become discouraged by difficulty and have a tendency to procrastinate.

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# Any questions

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