

Our creative work is based on the article “European colonial expansion and the transatlantic slave trade from the 16th to the 19th centuries” in the Award Scheme. The main characters in the video animation are Holamol and his grandfather Sarol. One day, Holamol treated a boy Freddie badly due to the dark colour of his skin. Grandfather Sarol saw what happened and told Holamol that their family also had dark skinned ancestors. He further explained in a story about his great great grandpa - Olaudah Equiano.

Olaudah Equiano was born in a black family in a village in Nigeria in 1797. At the age of 14, he and his younger sister were kidnapped and shipped to Barbados by slave raiders. He saw the sufferings of the enslaved Africans in the ship while the white people treated the people with dark skin with no respect, care or empathy. Thankfully, he found freedom in England, and eventually became the principle spokesman in the anti-slavery movement and began to help those who suffered from slavery. Holamol learnt from the story what the white people had done in the past and felt regretted what he had done to Freddie. He knew he was wrong and decided to put the good qualities and values of respect, care for others and empathy into action. We hope this video animation can encourage people to be more empathetic, show more respect and give more care and love to the people around us.