



Paul Cuffe: Critical Thinking & Discussion Questions

Have you heard of Paul Cuffe before? Is there anything about his life that surprises you, given the time frame in which he lived?

Why did some people support the “Back to Africa” movement in the 19th century? Why did some people oppose it? Was one group entirely right and the other entirely wrong? Is it possible for there to be some right (and some wrong) on both sides?

Do you think that most of history is clear-cut between right and wrong, or is it usually more complicated than that?

How often is it unclear which position is the right one on difficult issues? Is it possible that there are some issues today that people support or oppose that might look very different in the future?

Have you ever heard the phrase that “Hindsight is 20-20?” What does this saying mean? How does it apply to historical disputes?