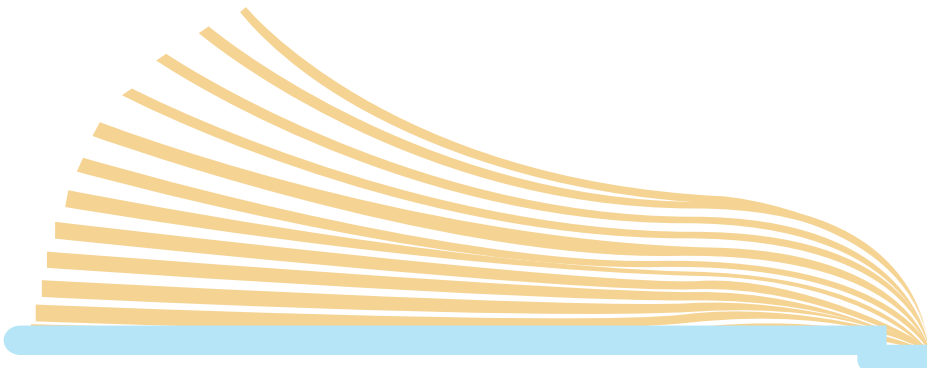


Discussion Notes

1. Did you know much about the lives of people who moved to Britain from other countries before you read *Coming to England*? Why do you think the author chose to write this book?
2. What aspects of Jamaican life are described in the book? Do you think one is more important to Floella than the others? Does the move to England change what Floella finds important?
3. How did Floella feel when her father decided to move the family to England? How difficult would it be to arrange moving to another country? What reasons do you think Floella's father had for making this decision and why did her mother agree?
4. The journey for Floella and her family on the ship to England is eventful - what are the highlights of the journey? How does it prepare the family for their move? Why do you think they dressed up so smartly for their arrival in Southampton?





5. How does England compare to Jamaica? Do Floella's experiences match her expectations?
6. What upsetting experiences does Floella go through in England? How would you feel if you were treated this way after moving to a new country?
7. Can you name some of the positive experiences Floella had in Britain? How do the descriptions of these experiences compare to the descriptions of the negative experiences?
8. Why do you think the British people were so hostile to immigrants from Jamaica? Do you think this attitude is still present in England for people moving here now?

