

# Drama: The Riots Year 9 Term 1

**August 2011.** Under the red blanket a man lies dead, shot by police minutes earlier. This was filmed by a member of the public. The dead man was Mark Duggan, 29-year-old father of six from Tottenham in West London. Today his family heard an inquest jury conclude that his killing by police was lawful: a finding that had been greeted with cries of fury inside the court.

**2011** England riots. ... Thousands of people rioted in cities and towns across England, which saw looting, arson, mass deployment of police, and the deaths of five people. Protests started in Tottenham, London, following the death of Mark Duggan, a local man who was shot dead by police on 4 August.

**The Riots lessons:** The lessons are based on **Verbatim theatre** which is theatre made from real people's words. **Verbatim theatre** is usually created from the transcription of interviews with people who are connected to a common event or subject



**Dramatic Conventions-** Teacher in role, news reportage, mime, ensemble, freeze frame, communal voice, physical theatre, mind mapping, radio drama, hot seating, devising

- Why do people Riot?
- Do Riots change things for the better?
- Is protesting against something you believe in the right way forward?
- What other riots/ protests are you aware of? What happened, why?