Some black people are from Africa, and some are called “African-American,” but not everyone. There are black people from all around the world, like Naomi Osaka, a Japanese tennis player.

Black history month is celebrated in February. It is a time to **honor** black **struggles** and **highlight** black **successes**.

A **struggle** is when someone has a difficult time.

When we **honor** someone, we think about them and talk about them with respect.

So, when we **honor** black **struggles**, we’re talking about the difficult times they have had with respect.

**Success** is when something good happens to you!

**Highlighting** is making something easy to see!

So, when we **highlight** black **successes**, we’re seeing the good things.

**Segregation** is when a person is separated from everyone in many places.

After slavery, many people didn’t want black people to be like everyone else, and black people were **segregated**.

During **segregation**, white people sat at the front of the bus. Black people sat in the back.

But, a woman named Rosa Parks changed that.

Rosa Parks became famous for sitting in the front of a bus, even when a white person said, ”you should move to the back.”

Because of this, she went to **jail**. After that, 17,000 people stopped riding the bus.

Many people think that **segregation** was a long time ago, but it was very recently.

In fact, many black people in America still have **struggles** today.

Martin Luther King Jr. was the most famous **activist** during **segregation**.

An **activist** works hard to make the world a better place for everyone. His speeches are famous.

Ruby Bridges became famous during **segregation**. She was the first black child to go to a school for white children.

Many people did not want her to go to school, but she did not give up.

Today, she is only 69 years old.

Barack Obama was the first and only black President of the United States. He made **history**!

On June 26, 2015, Barack Obama made LGBT marriage legal in America.

Music brings people together. There is power in music.

Through music like jazz and hip hop, black people can tell stories that are heard by many people.

Music is a very big part of black culture, and black culture is a very big part of America.

Black Panther is a Marvel movie from 2018. Almost every actor in Black Panther is black. It showed everyone that black people can be heroes.

When people watch movies like Black Panther, they can feel important.

“Black Lives Matter” means that black people are important. “Black Lives Matter” is the name of a **movement** to change how we **treat** black people.

**Racism** is treating someone very, very badly because they are black.

There is a lot of **racism** today. Many people, like police officers, treat black people badly.

Seeing black people in movies is good, but we need more black people in the government, too. That way, we can see more change!

Let’s talk about American Black History Month!