

## **Blackness 365 Days A Year**

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February is dedicated as Black History Month,  
honoring African Americans struggles and triumphs,  
including the artistic and cultural explosion of the Harlem  
Renaissance

But, we bleed red in the month of February  
in honor of Saint Valentines  
with chocolates and love

but there is no love and acknowledgement for the Black Panthers  
who went to the streets and spoke for their rights,  
only hate

there is no justice  
for innocent black boys accused of crimes they didn't commit  
when all they look forward to during the day  
is going to school and learning something new

Some people didn't know about the Exonerated Five until  
Ava DuVernay's Netflix TV series "When They See Us",  
a big part of our history  
learned from a Tv series

Carter G. Woodson, the creator of BLACK HISTORY



Bessie Coleman, the first BLACK pilot



Mary Mcleod Bethune  
one of the most important women's rights leaders,  
founded a college setting the standards for HBCU's



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Song, poetry, theater, basic literacy  
These are the tools black people use in their struggle for liberation,  
education can truly set us free,  
self-love can truly set us free

Robert L. Johnson, the owner of BET, the first BLACK billionaire



Shirley Chisholm, the first BLACK CongressWoman



Learning culture in schools is huge -  
especially for black women,  
There was a time when we couldn't step foot outside our households,  
spent our lives laboring in white people's kitchens and fields  
while white men learned about how the world works -  
building systems that make it hard for us  
to get the jobs we want  
to go to the schools we want  
and even buy the houses we want,  
yet we are still making it through

John Mercer Langston, the first BLACK lawyer



Dr. Mae Jemison, the first BLACK astronaut



Shakespeare, Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill  
Names we've known by heart since the sixth grade,  
but I didn't know who Emmett Till was until the ninth grade,

And school didn't teach me that  
I learned about him from my older sister

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Barack Obama, the first BLACK president



Althea Gibson, the first BLACK tennis player



White people have access to all their history right off the bat,  
A system created for them and by them  
But we, black people,  
have to go searching for all parts of our history from the streets,

Which has us feeling like we don't belong,  
and I know some people might say  
that we should go back from where We came,  
but where is that exactly?  
Besides some us didn't ask to be here

Thurgood Marshall, the first BLACK supreme court justice lawyer



Jackie 'MOMS' Mabely, the first BLACK comedian



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But there is no love and acknowledgement in February  
for the story of Black people,  
we bleed blackness all year long