

February Winner: Kate Castillo

Prompt: Why should black history be a part of our lives every day? How can we make that a reality?

Sadie's alarm goes She gets confused over the loud noises outside her window. It's like cats and dogs fighting! *She looks outside her window* She is in SHOCK. Sadie realized it was not just people arguing over in the bakery shop. So many people holding up signs quoted something like this "BLM" She didn't know what that meant because she was only 6 years old. Sadie grabbed her laptop. She opened up the news. She saw an article writing that people were protesting for black lives. She realized that BLM is Black Lives Matter. Little Sadie had no idea what to do. She quickly ran downstairs to hug mama. "Mama is everything going to be okay", Sadie said. "Don't worry honey" her mom said. All they heard was shouting and shouting outside. Police hurting people. They had no idea what to believe anymore. They couldn't tell the police are trying to hurt them or protect them.

Sadie said "Is daddy going to get home soon"? Sadie's voice cracked, all you can hear is her mom crying in fear. Sadie remembers learning about black history in school. Her dad finally came home. He was terrified as well. They decided to try to cheer Sadie up by watching her favorite movie Lilo & Stitch. The protesting went on for months. People are still trying to get people equal rights.

It's a very scary world, I think Black History Month should be a part of our lives because it's really important and no one should be treated differently just because they have a different type of skin tone. If we try hard enough we can make of this and even special a month and more people can understand what's a lot of people going through.

March Winner: Yaretzi Benitez

Prompt: What does a world where everyone is treated equally look like?

What does it take for everyone to be treated equally, what is the difference between inequality and equality, or what are the difficulties of making everyone being treated equally? These are some of the questions you might ask yourself when you think about how a world where everyone is treated equally looks. To start off this topic on how a world would look like if everyone is treated equally, let's look at what it will take for everyone to be treated equally.

What does it take for everyone to be treated equally? In order for a world (**our Earth**) to have everyone treated equally, you first have to start off by having everyone developing the same habits (**everyone doing the same thing**). Another way a world can have everyone being treated equally is by everyone getting along and to have little to no violence.

What is the difference between inequality and equality? We can look at this by going back to ancient Athens where men, women, foreigners, and slaves were treated **unequally**. Men at this time could be citizens while women, foreigners, and slaves were not. Another way we can look at inequality is by looking at the present day where people of color and people from different countries are being abused and not treated as citizens. Now let's look at equality. A way **equality** started for people of color is when Martin Luther King delivered powerful speeches in which ended segregation (**Definition: the separation or isolation of a race, class, or ethnic group**) So, inequality is a lack of equality while equality is a state of being equal.

What are the difficulties of making everyone being treated equally? There will be many difficulties in making everyone being treated equally but one difficulty is going to be making everyone have the same routine or to stop any acts of violence. While there are some ways to start making everyone being treated equally, there is always going to be a difficulty or struggle to make this happen.

There are some answers on 3 questions that you might ask yourself but for now we have to deal with some form of inequality in the present.