



# Black History Month

## Writing Contest

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the monumental achievements of African Americans, and the contributions they have made in our nation's history.

**Prompt:** Choose one past or current Black artist that inspires you. Describe the artist that you chose and explain how or why they inspire you, and what impact they have on our society today.

Choose ONE of the formats to complete your project:

- Essay
- Narrative/Story
- Poem
- Comic
- Illustration (must have written component)
- Song (must pass in lyrics)

**SUBMIT TO MRS. GIBBONS , MRS. PEARCE, OR MRS. MATTHEWS**  
**BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29.**

**\*\* The winning entry will receive CMS Swag\*\***

### **Criteria For Success**

#### **Comprehension of Prompt & Topic**

The student's response demonstrates a strong awareness of audience, task and purpose. The student's piece (writing, artwork, song etc.) provides an in-depth understanding & description of the topic and analysis of why the leader, group or movement is inspiring and has impacted our society. The student researches & cites convincing evidence to support their own analysis.

#### **Organization**

The student organized their thoughts in a logical and creative manner, with a clear progression of ideas and an effective conclusion.

#### **Supporting Details**

The student uses relevant and significant reasons, details, researched evidence and/or description; effective supporting evidence and sophisticated analysis to demonstrate how/why the leader, group or movement is inspiring and made an impact on our society. Details are introduced and explained. Direct quotes are included and cited properly.

#### **Use of Language**

The student uses word choice that add richness and indicate tone; descriptive words, phrases and details. There is a purposeful use of vocabulary to emphasize the importance and impact that the leader, group or movement has made.

#### **Standard English Conventions**

(Grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation)

The student demonstrates control of the conventions of standard English consistent with effectively editing.

