

For this project, my topic is why more black programs and studies should be placed in high schools. I chose to continue developing this topic because I believe it doesn't receive as much attention as it should be receiving, being that it is a part of the reason why the education system is failing many students, especially those of color. Since the beginning of high school, I always wondered why teachers never taught black studies. In history class, students must learn the same stories of Christopher Columbus sailing the ocean blue, Albert Einstein helping develop the world's first atomic bomb, and the life of Louis the thirteenth. The only black history I was ever taught was the events that occurred during the civil rights movement and the stories of Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman. And that was only because it was black history month, and they believed it was the best way to "pay our respects." Not once in high school was I given the opportunity to learn about people of color and their contribution to successes worldwide until my freshman year of college. Knowing this new information changed my views on how I see the world. I believe every student, no matter what race, should be given the opportunity to retain this information as well. To get my topic across, I decided to create a TED talk of me explaining the disadvantages students go through without these programs and studies and how important it is for faculty to take notes on what students believe would benefit them best in the classroom. The audience I intend to engage in my piece is teachers, principals, and anyone else who plays a part in the education system because those are the only people who can make a change to this issue. Students' voices deserve to be heard! The purpose of my piece is to inform and spread awareness. In creating my video, I have encountered some technical difficulties with editing. I was trying to find the right app where I could insert my video sources in the right moment and trimming and cutting useless information. There was one specific clip I wanted to use that supported my topic; however, during the scene, different incidents were occurring that I knew would be confusing to the audience, so I found an informational youtube video to take its place. To make my video look as if the TED talk organization published it, I used their intro and symbol. I hope my audience is able to see my message and not get confused. I am honestly very proud of the outcome. I find that my points were clear, and I used extraordinary evidence to support my claims. For this being my first video project, my editing wasn't bad, and the way I interacted with the audience was great by giving eye contact and relatable stories. Although there could have been some room for improvement overall, it was a not so bad job.