



Black History Month

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: Today, we are talking about Black History Month! Black History Month celebrates Black history in the United States. The 2024 theme for Black History Month celebrates Black artists. An artist is a person who creates art. An artist can be a dancer, singer, photographer, actor, painter, or writer. Some Black artists that we will talk about today are James Van Der Zee, Stevie Wonder, Misty Copeland, and Zendaya. Black artists are an important part of U.S. History. Who are you excited to learn about?

2

Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or Predict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I love ballet!	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? What type of art is your favorite and why? If you wrote a song, what would it be about? What other Black artists will you celebrate this month?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about Black History Month.	Tell me what we learned about artists.	Tell me what we learned about Misty Copeland.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrate Black history in U.S..• Celebrate Black people who create art.• People who sing and dance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People that create art.• People sing, dance, write, take pictures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dance ballet.• Won prize for being best.• First Black top dancer.