



Black & Latino Studies

Learning the value of humanity

Bethel High School, Bethel CT



Demographics and Teacher Experience (Mr. Collison)

→ 2 Sections → 29 Total Students

- ◆ 21 Female Students
- ◆ 8 Male Students
- ◆ Students in the class represent the following countries:

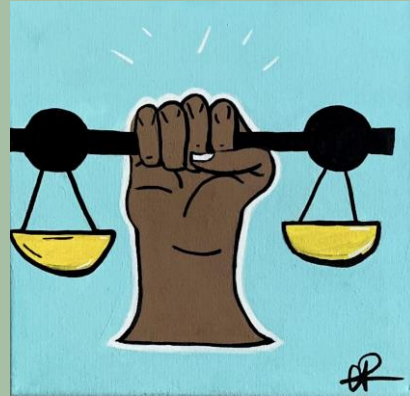
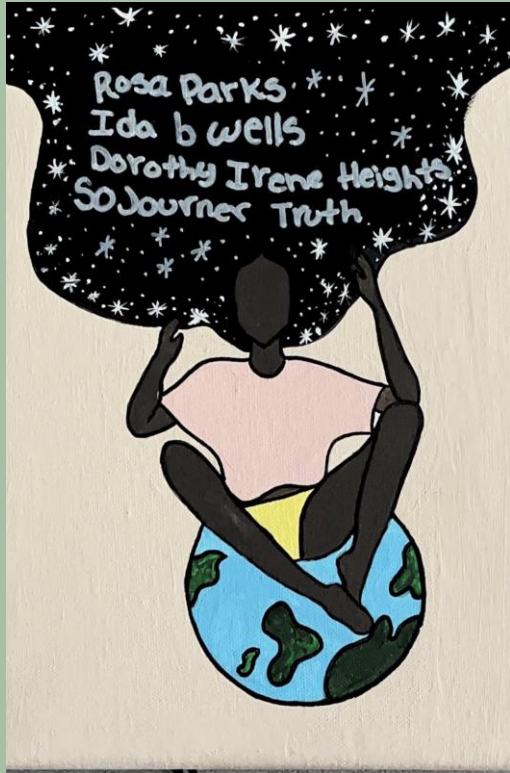
- Paraguay
- Greece
- Ireland
- Poland
- Ireland
- Russia
- Ukraine
- Czechia
- Costa Rica
- St. Kitts & Trinidad
- Brazil
- Puerto Rico
- Dominican Republic
- Chile
- Antigua
- Jamaica
- El Salvador
- Antigua
- Jamaica
- Ecuador
- Colombia
- Argentina
- Philippines
- Mexico

Specific Content/Lessons We Liked (Mr. Collison):

- **Class Discussions**
 - Individual Experiences
- **Semester 1: African American/Black History**
 - Hard History Ted Talks/Unit
 - Civil Rights Era
 - Selma
 - Mansa Musa - the richest man in the world
- **Semester 2: Latino/Puerto Rican History**
 - Young Lords and The Takeover
 - Latin Culture and Identity (Early Semester 2)
 - Latinos in the Media Documentary → the impact of perception of races at the hands of media and the impact that has on stereotypes
 - America Ferrera/Ugly Betty Ted Talk
- **Choice Passion Project**

Student's Midterm Project Part 1

Art by: Gisela



Art by: Chaniye



Art by: Kaela



Art by: Lexi

Hannah

Student's Midterms Part 2 (Songs)

Pay It No Mind Riley F.



Chris B. and Ethan S.



Midterm Project Part 3 (Poem)

Everything is OKAY Everything's Fine
You say Everything is OKAY
You say Everything will be fine
But you cant see inside of my mind
You can't feel my heart race when I see the blues
You don't hear my thoughts when I watch the news
You can't see that when I watch that tv I always think it
could have easily been me
Or my brothers or my sister or my uncles and aunts
But everything is OKAY
Everything will be fine
When will you stop telling me to breath
When you take breaths from people like me all the time
Stop telling me to calm down when i'm constantly
reminded that this isn't my town but theirs

But Everything is OKAY
Everything will be fine
Did you tell that to my ancestors too?
When you took them from what they've known
But that was a long time ago
That's not around no more
But instead of chains
its handcuffs.
Instead of whippings
its sentences.
But everything's OKAY
Everything will be
Fine.

K.S

Blues and Beyond

- Blues and Beyond is a program that shares the history of music through music
- They focus on how today's music is a result of the evolution of African American music
- They came to BHS on May 26 for an assembly for all juniors, music students, and of course Black and Latino studies students
- This concert involved four musicians; a drummer, a guitarist, pianist, and singer, which narrated/ led the show
- This concert was very successful, it was a lot of fun for students and it was an amazing learning experience



Camila

Our Experiences:

1. Hannah
2. Natalie
3. Kaylee
4. Alexa

Our Experiences

“I think that it was really good because I got the opportunity to learn stuff about different people and countries.”

“This class has taught me history about people who look like me in a positive

“It was an amazing experience to learn about the history of my people that is often erased from history and not taught in schools”

“It was a great opportunity for all types of students to be able to share opinions while still learning.”

“For sure one of my favorite classes, made me feel very comfortable. Learning about the history of Black and Latin people.”

“Everyone is so welcoming and positive! I got to learn about history in a new light. It was one of my favorites.”

“Very informative; helped me expand my knowledge on black history and helped me learn more about Latinx culture.”

“My favorite class. I have taken in High School. I learned a lot about history that is often white washed and ignored.”

“I really enjoyed the debates and respectful attitudes that we all had while discussing the

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“One of my favorite classes ever. Everyone is so cooperative and understanding.”

“The discussions we have in class as well as the unconventional subject matter has opened myself to new perspectives and open to learning new things.”

Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers