



Pride Month – Michael Henderson

In America, there is once again another month to celebrate. This time it's Pride Month! (are you shocked at how many different months we have?). Pride Month is celebrated in June every year. It was first officially declared by the American government in 1999. The reason why June is Pride Month is because of an event that happened in 1969 in New York City. At the time, being gay was illegal in many states, including New York. Because of this, many LGBT people gathered in secret in places such as bars. However, the police often raided (手入れした) these bars and arrested (逮捕した) LGBT people.

One famous bar, The Stonewall Inn, is where this event took place. On June 28th, 1969, police again went to the Stonewall Inn to raid and arrest people, but this time the people fought back. The LGBT customers of Stonewall Inn were tired of the discrimination (差別) and violence from the police, and so they refused to listen to the police and began to fight and throw things. It was a riot (暴動), but many consider this moment to be the beginning of LGBT rights in America.

In 2016, President Obama declared the Stonewall Inn a national monument, and nowadays, many cities across America have Pride Parades in June. Seattle just had their Pride Parade yesterday (June 26th) and some of my friends went and posted pictures online. Even though attitudes (態度) towards LGBT people are a lot better now, many people are scared that LGBT rights (and women's rights) are going to be taken away. This is because part of the current government in America is very conservative (保守的), and they may change the laws that currently protect LGBT people. Even today, the fight still continues!



The Stonewall Inn in
Greenwich Village,
New York City

Juneteenth – Katelyn Sondereker

Juneteenth is an American holiday on June 19th that celebrates the day in history when all Black people in America finally gained freedom. Before this, Black people were enslaved (奴隷) by white Americans. This means that Black people suffered because they had to work in inhuman (惨い) conditions, so slavery was very violent and oppressive (抑圧的な).

But finally, on June 19th, 1865, soldiers from the northern states went to Texas and freed the last 250,000 enslaved Black people. Even though Black Americans have been celebrating this day since 1866, this holiday has not been talked about or celebrated by a lot of other people in America. This is because of the anti-Black racism (人種差別) that still exists in America today. But on June 17th, 2021, Juneteenth finally became a national American holiday.

Juneteenth is a day when people celebrate the freedom, history, and heritage (文化遺産) of Black Americans. Food is a very important part of this holiday, and red foods – like strawberries, red velvet cake, and watermelon – are often eaten. This is because when Juneteenth was first celebrated in the 1800s, many of the Black Americans had close ancestors from Africa. In many African cultures, red foods symbolize power, sacrifice (犠牲), and resistance (反抗).

People also go to backyard barbecues or picnics, where they eat traditional soul food like corn, fried chicken, cornbread, cabbage, black-eyed peas, and collard greens. This day is a celebration of the freedom of Black Americans, Black pride (誇り), and Black joy (喜び). It is important to acknowledge and celebrate this holiday, because there is still so much that we need to do to achieve equality (同等) for Black Americans.



The Juneteenth flag,
which was made in
1997 to celebrate the
holiday.

Caged Bird by Maya Angelou

*The caged bird sings
with fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.*



Let's TALK about it!

What does the caged
bird sing about?

What group of people do
you think the caged bird
represents
(表していますか)?



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SONGS & ARTISTS

Truth Hurts – **Lizzo**

Good Days - **SZA**

Purple Rain – **Prince**

Formation - **Beyonce**



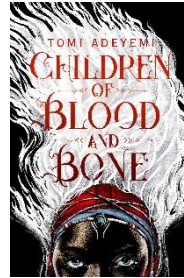
BOOKS & AUTHORS

The Invisible Man by **Ralph Ellison**

The Hate U Give by **Angie Thomas**

The Hill We Climb
by **Amanda Gorman**

The Children of Blood and Bone
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Internet Slang: Common Ones You See Online

Have you ever been on Tiktok or Instagram and seen English acronyms that confused you? Well today we will teach you about some very common ones!

Omg: oh my god

Usually we use this when we are surprised by something.

- ◇ “omg why is it raining so hard”
- ◇ “omg I’m sorry I forgot about our plans!”

Wyd: what’re you doing

We use this when we’re asking our friends what they’re doing right now

- ◇ A: “hey wyd”
- B: “just reading a book”

Lol: laugh out loud

We use this when something is only a little funny, or to make our messages sound casual and less serious. For example:

- ◇ A: “Hey did you get my message earlier?”
- B: “lol sorry I was busy. What’s up?”

But if you say “**LOL**”, then this means something is actually funny!

- ◇ A: “Did you see Alex drop his soda today?”
- B: “LOL yeah it was so funny”

