

Note To Teacher: Lesson Directions

Subject(s):

- History; Black History; Queer History

Objectives:

- Students will be able to explore Queer Black History by reading, writing, and answering questions.
- Students will be able to utilize critical thinking skills by analyzing and responding to film and texts.
- Students will have access to and reflect on multiple artistic expressions.

Overview:

- Students will be examining historical and contemporary Black Queers that have contributed to history. Every mini lesson comes with a critical thinking/ writing component. It is suggested that educators begin class with these mini lessons, or end class with them.

Time:

- 10-15 minutes for each mini-lesson

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- Queer Black History Fact: Langston Hughes was a gay poet that lived in Harlem during the Harlem Renaissance.

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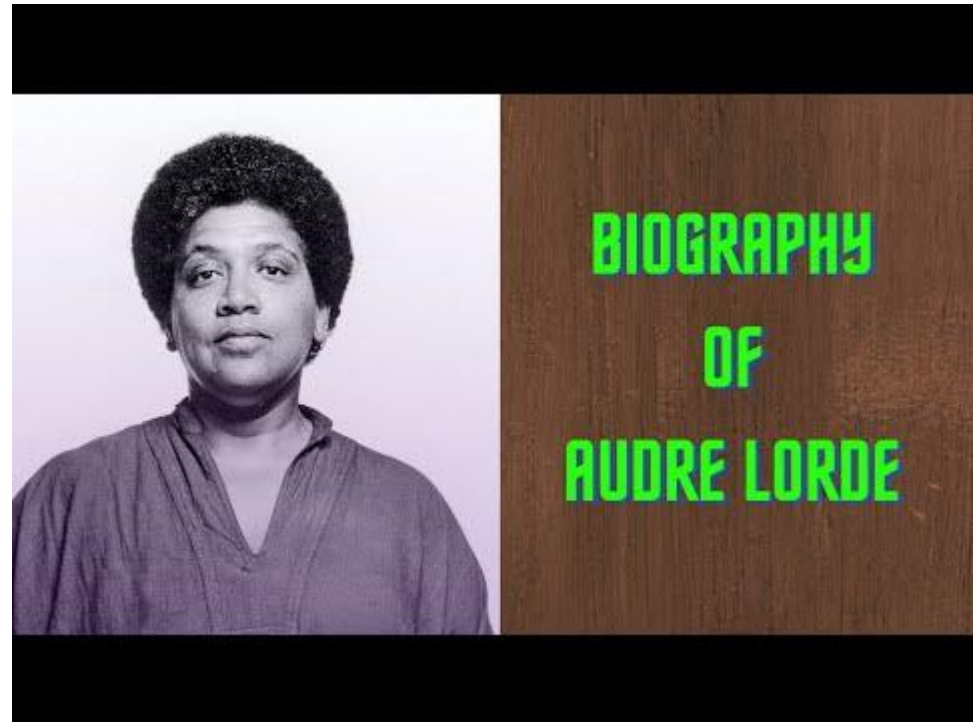
- Queer Black History Fact: Marsha P. Johnson was a Black trans woman that started the Stonewall Riots. PRIDE is an annual celebration of the Stonewall Riots.

Film Questions:

1. Who was Marsha P. Johnson?
2. Where was she from?
3. What city did the stonewall riots occur?
4. What happened the night of the stonewall riots?
5. Why is this historical event important?



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- Queer Black History Fact: Audre Lorde A self-described “black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet.”

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- Queer Black History Fact: Leiomy Maldonado is an Afro-Latina trans woman activist and is named the “Mother of Vogue”.

What is Ballroom and why is it important?



Ballroom is accepting to all!



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- Queer Black History Fact: Baynard Rustin was an African American civil rights leader that supported MLK.

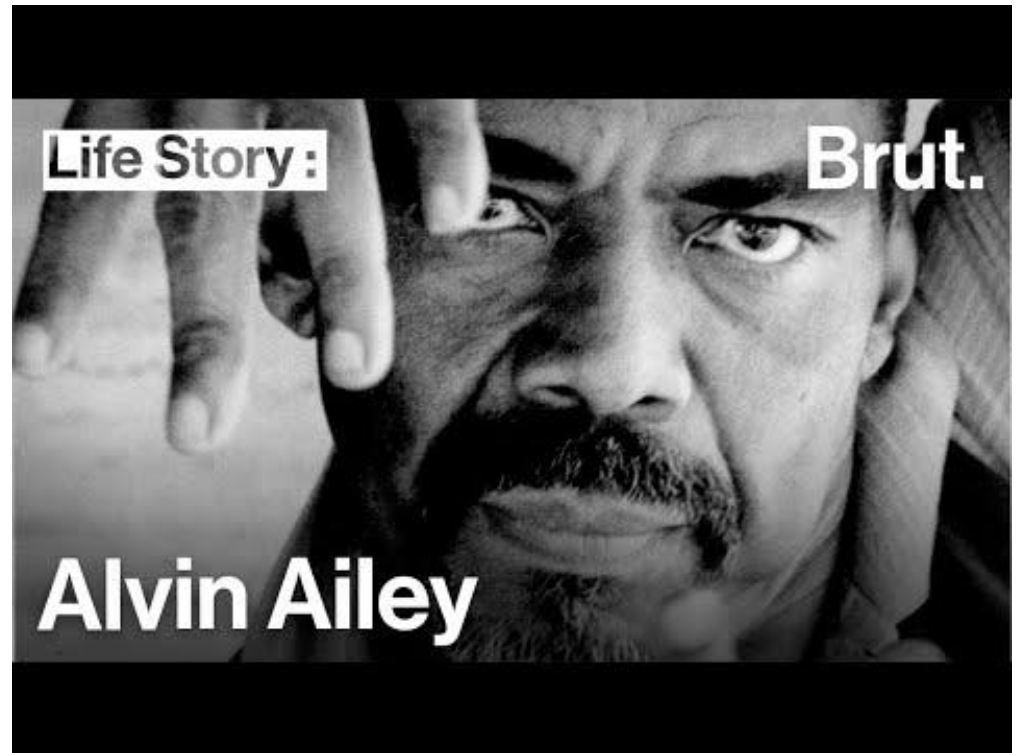
+ Annotation directions:

1. **Highlight** five (5) important facts.
2. **Circle** four (4) words you don't know.
3. Underline three (3) examples of bravery and perseverance.
4. Star two important people.. ☆ ☆
5. Write one (1) three sentence summary of his life.
6. Answer the following question: Why should we celebrate and remember Baynard Rustin?

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- Queer Black History Fact: Alvin Ailey was an activist, dancer and choreographer. He is the founder of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, in New York City.

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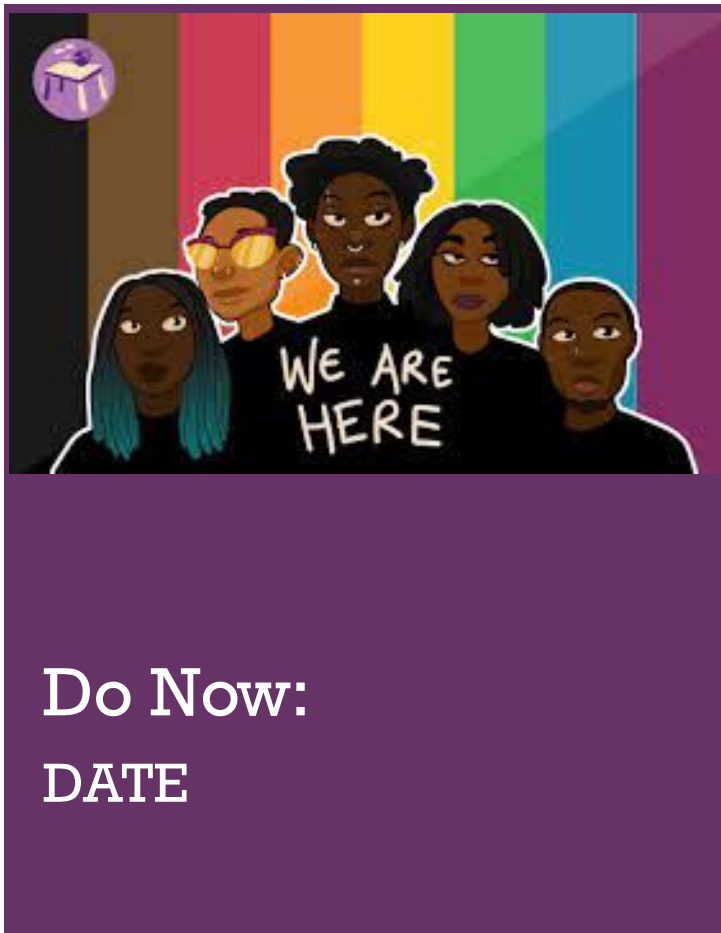
- Queer Black History Fact: Janet Mock is best known for her writing, directing and fierce activism for Trans rights.

Film Questions:

1. Since 80% of Americans do not know a Trans person, where do they get their information about the Trans experience?
2. What have been some of the roles Trans actors had to play? How might that impact how viewers see Trans people?
3. Why is more Trans representation in media important?



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- Queer Black History Fact: Angela Davis is best known as a radical Black educator, author, and activist for civil rights