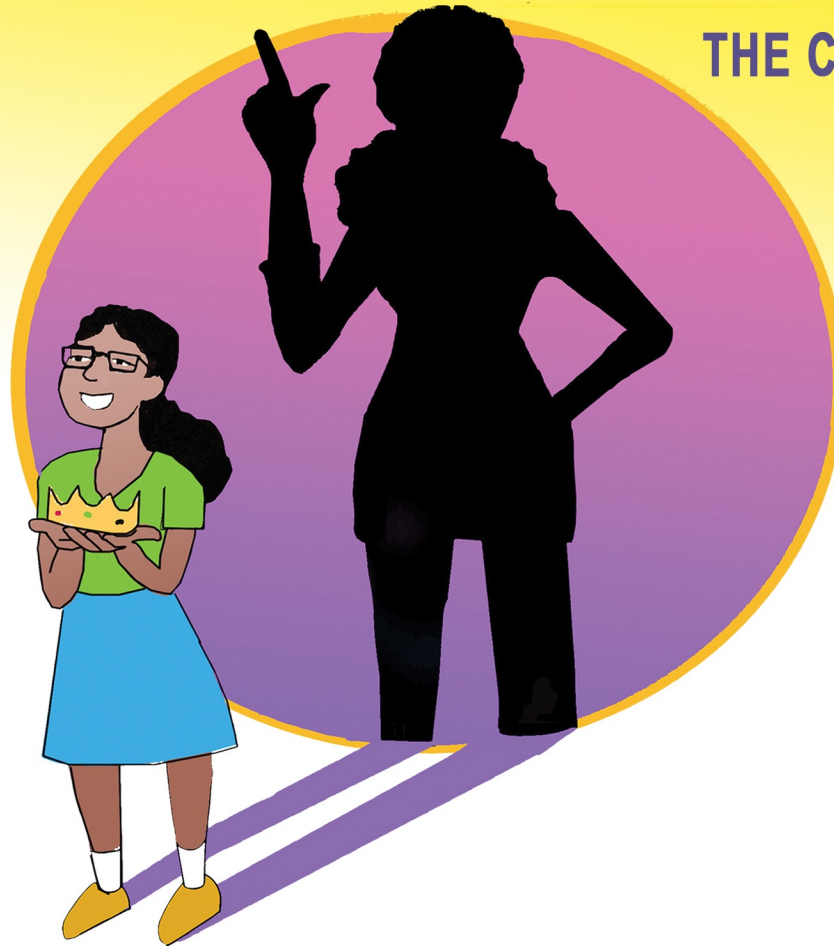




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HEY SIS, JUST BE YOU!

THE COMIC BOOK



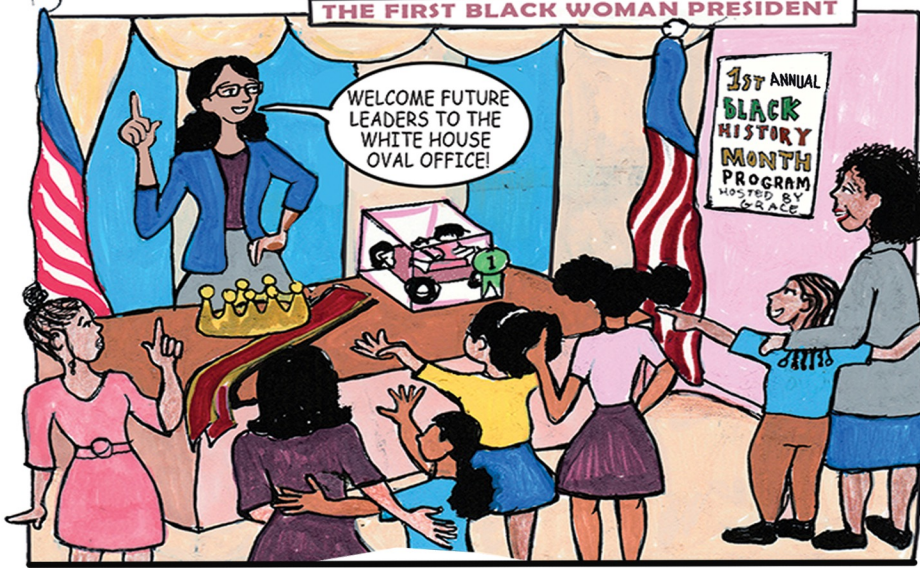
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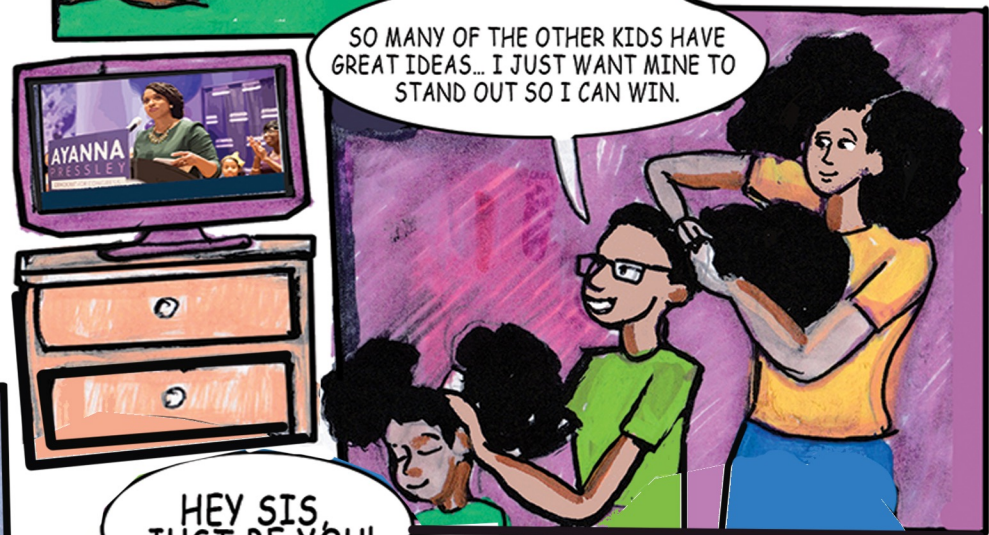
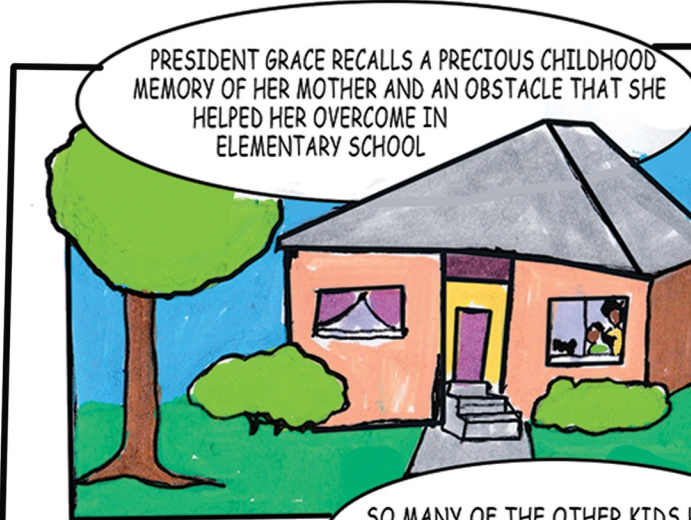
May this book serve as a reminder to girls and women that just being yourself is always enough.

A GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL BLACK AND BROWN GIRLS VISIT PRESIDENT GRACE AT THE OVAL OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DC ON A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP. PRESIDENT GRACE SHARES WITH THEM A GREAT PIECE OF ADVICE,

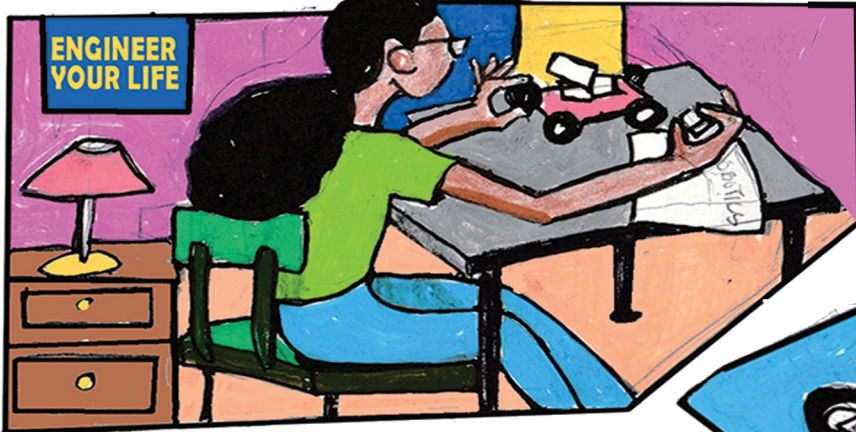
THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN PRESIDENT



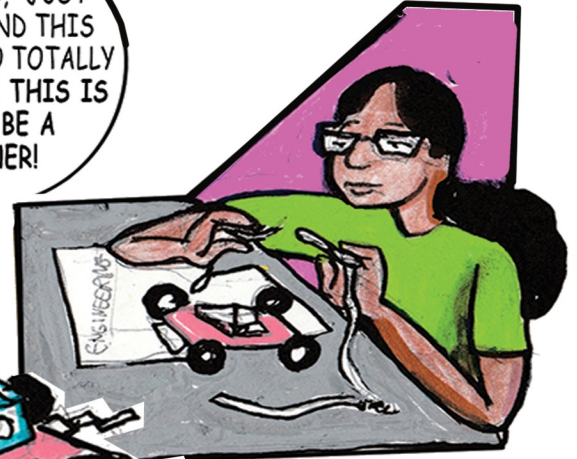
BUT I WAS GIVEN A KEY TO SUCCESS AND NOW I'LL SHARE IT WITH YOU: HEY SIS! JUST BE YOU!



GRACE IS WORKING ON HER PROJECT AT HOME FOR THE UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIR AT SCHOOL TOMORROW. GRACE ALWAYS TRIED TO HIDE HER LOVE FOR ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING BECAUSE HER FRIENDS TOLD HER IT IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY BOYS DO. BUT SHE DECIDED TO TAKE THE ADVICE OF HER MOM AND BE TRUE TO HERSELF AND JUST GO FOR IT!



MOM SAYS, "JUST BE YOU", AND THIS ROBOT IS SO TOTALLY ME. I THINK THIS IS GONNA BE A WINNER!



SCIENCE FAIR DAY



I KNOW NO ONE HAS EVER DONE IT BEFORE, BUT I TRIED IT AND IT WORKED!



Barbara Jordan Middle School



GRACE SEES A LACK OF BLACK REPRESENTATION AT HER MIDDLE SCHOOL



GRACE STARTS PREPARING FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM, AND SPREADING THE WORD TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS.





I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ME ORGANIZE OUR SCHOOL'S FIRST BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM.



GRACE AND SEVERAL STUDENTS WORK HARD TO ORGANIZE THE PROGRAM. THEY ASK FOR A LOT OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO MAKE SURE THE PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS.

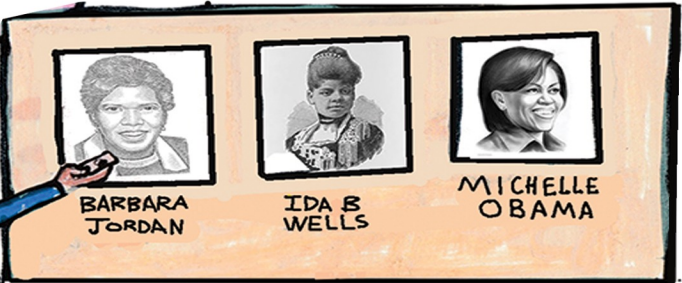
BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGAN AS "NEGRO HISTORY WEEK" CREATED BY HISTORIAN CARTER G. WOODSON AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY IN 1926. THE ORGANIZATION CHOSE THAT WEEK SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE IT WAS DURING THE BIRTHDAYS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS (FEBRUARY 14) AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN (FEBRUARY 12).



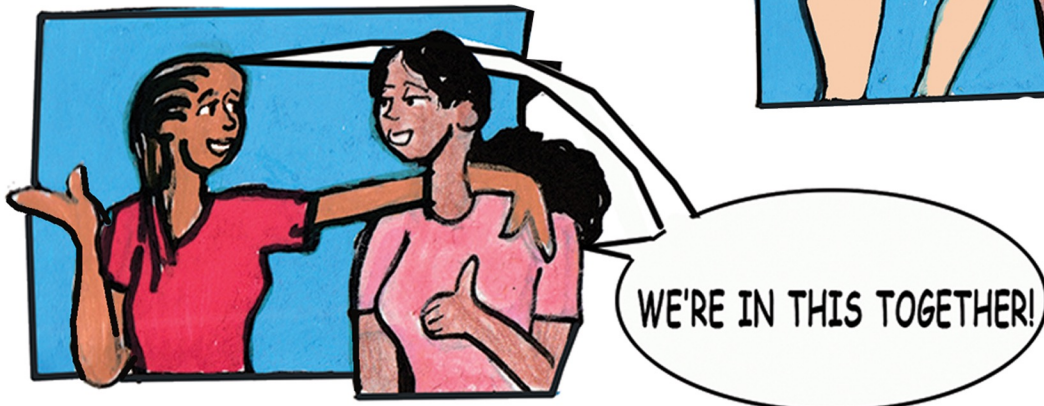
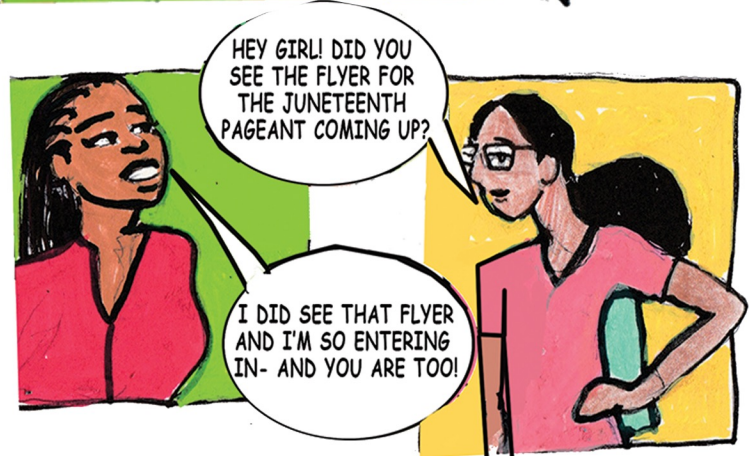
BY THE LATE 1960'S PEOPLE ACROSS AMERICA WERE OBSERVING THIS SPECIAL MONTH. TODAY I AM HONORED TO RECOGNIZE THESE PHENOMENAL BLACK WOMEN!



BARBARA JORDAN WON A PLACE IN THE TEXAS SENATE IN 1966! SHE WAS THE FIRST BLACK STATE SENATOR SINCE 1883! OUR SCHOOL IS NAMED AFTER THIS AMAZING WOMAN!



EVERY YEAR, GRACE'S HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS A PAGEANT IN HONOR OF THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY. GRACE SEES THE PAGEANT SIGNUP FLYER AND DISCUSSES IT WITH HER BFF JALISA.

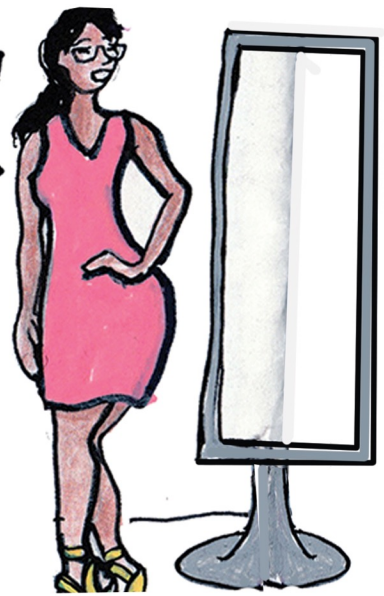




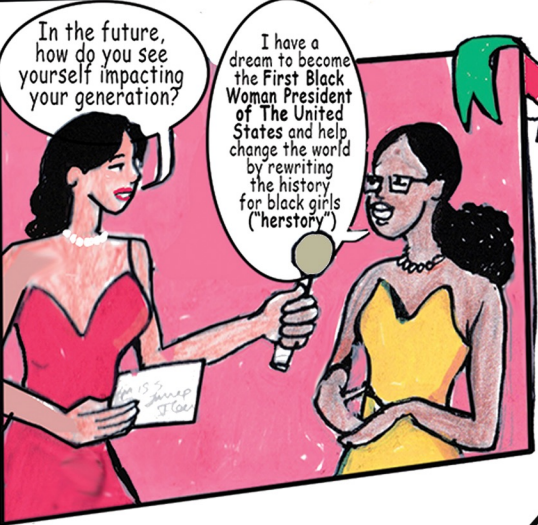
CHIN UP GIRLS!



I AM STRONG
I AM BEAUTIFUL
I AM A LEADER



OMG! THE PAGEANT IS THIS FRIDAY!
I'VE WORKED HARD FOR THIS. I'M GOING TO GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT AND JUST BE MYSELF. WIN OR LOSE, I'VE LEARNED A LOT ON THE WAY AND I'M GOING TO ENJOY MYSELF AT THE PAGEANT.



In the future, how do you see yourself impacting your generation?

I have a dream to become the First Black Woman President of The United States and help change the world by rewriting the history for black girls ("herstory")

MISS JUNETEENTH PAGEANT



AND OUR WINNER AND NEW MS. JUNETEENTH IS GRACE!!!



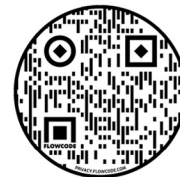
Miss Juneteenth



Written by MEASURE Comic Book CARE Team: Meme Styles, Selah Vie, Mickey Cappello, Precious Azuree, Monica Hammond, Sharon Jacob, Latasha Norwood, Jeremy Horne, and Lakeem Wilson

Illustrated by Lakeem Wilson

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Support our work in protecting and empowering black girls by visiting us at theinnocenceinitiative.org

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Use your smart phone to click the QR code to view a guide on what to do if your child is facing disciplinary action at school.

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