

Elementary School (Grades K - 5)

Focus: Personal meaning, simple faith connections, effort

Category	Description	
Understanding of Black History	Shows basic understanding of Black History and why it matters	30
Personal Meaning	Shares how Black history relates to self, family, or community	25
Faith Connection	Mentions faith, God, church, or values (love, kindness, courage)	20
Creativity & Expression	Uses drawings, examples, or original ideas	15
Effort & Clarity	Writing or explanation is clear and age-appropriate	10
Total		100

Note: Drawings with short explanations are encouraged for younger students

Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)

Focus: Reflection, growing awareness, clearer faith connections

Category	Description	
Understanding of Black History	Demonstrates understanding beyond facts (impact, meaning)	30
Personal Reflection	Clearly explains what Black history means personally	25
Faith & Values Connection	Connects faith, scripture, or Christian values to history	20
Organization & Clarity	Ideas are well-organized and easy to follow	15
Grammar & Writing Quality	Proper sentence structure and mechanics	10
Total		100

Note: Encouraged to include a family story, church influence, or role model

High School (Grades 9 - 12)

Focus: Depth, analysis, faith-driven perspective

Category	Description	Points
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Depth of Understanding	Thoughtful insight into Black history and its significance	30
Personal & Faith Reflection	Explains how faith shapes meaning, identity, or responsibility	25
Critical Thinking	Makes connections between past, present, and future	20
Use of Examples	Uses historical figures, scripture, or lived experience	15
Writing Quality & Voice	Clear, strong, original voice	10
Total		100

Note: Encouraged to include scripture, social justice themes, or leadership reflection