



2-3-6 Why Representation Matters: A Collection of Links to Articles

Black Panther

- *Opinion: Black Panther is a hero that looks like me*
<https://newsela.com/read/black-panther-movie-kids-superheroes/id/40292/>
- *Educators, Stars and Others Help Kids See 'Black Panther' Film (from Voice of America)*
<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/4264695.html>
- *Opinion: Black Panther and the beauty and strength of black women*
<https://newsela.com/read/black-panther-women/id/40899/> (Text Level 7, 1050 Lexile) or
<https://newsela.com/read/black-panther-women/id/40897/> (Text Level 5, 830 Lexile)

Articles on Race and Gender Representation:

- *From Activist to Author: How 12-Year-Old Marley Dias Is Changing the Face of Children's Literature*
Frustrated that she could not find books that depict black girls' lives, Marley launched a campaign with the goal of collecting and donating 1,000 books that feature black girls as main characters. To date, she's up to more than 10,000.
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/maggiemcgrath/2017/06/13/from-activist-to-author-how-12-year-old-marley-dias-is-changing-the-face-of-childrens-literature/#d819934ce0f0>
- *Michelle Obama Interview: How FLOTUS Used Pop Culture Stardom to Make an Impact*, by Ted Johnson, *Variety Magazine*, August 23, 2016
<https://variety.com/2016/biz/features/michelle-obama-interview-first-lady-pop-culture-1201842132/>.
- *Opinion: "Crazy Rich Asians" movie shows characters more like me*
Newsela, (Text Level 7, 1030L)
Based on a popular novel, the author anticipates the release of this film which will feature a diverse Asian cast and move beyond stereotypical portrayals of Asian characters.
<https://newsela.com/read/crazy-rich-asians-movie-matters/id/42952/>
or
Opinion: "Crazy Rich Asians" movie breaks boundaries with Asian cast
(Text Level 6, 940L)
<https://newsela.com/read/crazy-rich-asians-movie-matters/id/42951>
- *Gabrielle Union: How We Can Fix Hollywood's Representation Problem*
<http://time.com/5272349/gabrielle-union-hollywood-representation/?iid=sr-link8>
- *Eva Longoria: Representation Matters. It's Also Just Good Business*
<http://time.com/5179369/eva-longoria-representation-in-hollywood/>

LGBTQ:

Love, Simon

The story follows a teen who falls in love with an unknown online pen pal from his high school. Both teens are gay, and Simon navigates the tricky waters of coming out as gay to his friends and family. It's the first major studio movie to focus on a gay teen romance.

- New movie "Love, Simon" focuses on gay teen romance (Text level 7)
<https://newsela.com/read/love-simon-gay-teen-story/id/41418/>
- "Love, Simon" is the first big studio movie about gay teen romance (Text Level 5)
<https://newsela.com/read/love-simon-gay-teen-story/id/41415/>