



## Must watch films for Black History Month.

Watch these amazing movies & documentaries on black history

Here are a few amazing films that highlight different narratives of black history.

### **Race (2016)**

Race is a biopic film about Jesse Owens, the famed track and field athlete who endured racial discrimination and adversity on his way to winning 4 gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany, a record that remained unbroken for 48 years. Despite his victory, Owens couldn't even sit in the front of a bus when he returned home to the US.

### **Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (2013)**

The story of the anti-apartheid leader and former South African President Nelson Mandela. Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom takes a global look at how racism and colonization have affected black people around the world.

### **Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012)**

This Oscar-nominated movie tells an uplifting yet nuanced story of poverty and resilience through the eyes of a six-year-old in the rural southern US. It stars Quvenzhané Wallis, who made history as the youngest Best Actress nominee for an Oscar.

### **American Promise (2013)**

American Promise follows two boys navigating the US education system over a span of 13 years. The documentary highlights the persistent educational achievement gap that affects African Americans across all socioeconomic levels.

### **Malcolm X (1992)**

Malcolm X stars Denzel Washington as one of black history's most revolutionary leaders. This famous biopic chronicles the activist's life up until his assassination in 1965.

### **Dear White People (2014)**

Dear White People tells the story of a group of black college students who grapple with issues of race, sexual orientation, and what it's like to not fit in at a predominantly white university. The film, which won the Jury Prize at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, brings much needed attention to racial tension.

### **Good Hair (2009)**

Good Hair is an informative documentary wrapped in humor. The film produced by and starring comedian Chris Rock explores black hair culture and the 9 billion dollar industry behind it. Rock was inspired to make the film after his daughter asked him why she didn't have "good hair."

### **Crash (2004)**

Los Angeles citizens with vastly separate lives collide in interweaving stories of race, loss and redemption.

### **When they see us (2019) – Netflix**

It is based on events of the 1989 Central Park jogger case and explores the lives and families of the five male suspects who were falsely accused then prosecuted on charges related to the rape and assault of a woman in Central Park, New York City.

### **Selma (2014)**

Based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.

### **Hidden Figures (2016)**

Loosely based on the 2016 non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly about black female mathematicians who worked at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) during the Space Race.

### **Just Mercy (2019)**

Tells the true story of Walter McMillian, who, with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder conviction.