

I hate when people ask  
Why isn't there a white history month?  
Why don't we celebrate the white men that found this country?  
Why don't we celebrate white America?  
I respond with "Because we do."  
Our history books are drowning with the accomplishments of white men.  
The television is infected with propaganda  
Saying whites are funny  
Whites are beautiful  
Whites are talented  
Blacks are ghetto  
The advertisements on billboards are full of blonde hair and blue eyes  
The dolls on our store's shelves are full of porcelain skin and red lips  
The music that floods our ears, soul and mind are full of beautiful white men and women  
And we celebrate them during every Oscar, every Grammy, every Golden Globe  
The fact that it took more than 200 years for a black man to lead our country  
Should tell you why  
We celebrate  
Black History Month  
But if that isn't enough  
Ever since you were little you were exposed  
to bias, a poisonous drug you cannot taste.  
Every time you picked up a book about a black man in school,  
You learned about slavery.  
When you were taught about black history,  
You only learned of oppression.  
You learned that Rosa Parks was arrested for sitting in the front of the bus,  
You learned that the little rock nine were verbally abused just for learning,  
You learned that Emmett Till was beaten to death with a baseball bat for whistling at a white woman,  
You learned that Martin Luther King was shot for having a dream.  
You learned only of oppression.  
You never learned of the strength  
that black men and women brought,  
with chains and broken hearts.  
And in the news it isn't any better,  
It's either the blacks shooting or being shot.  
I never hear of the accomplishments of Reverend Al Sharpton.  
I never hear of the history of black jazz and its influence on music today.  
I never hear of the many talented poets like Langston Hughes that only wanted change.  
Yet we celebrate Columbus Day with our hearts full of pride,  
Forgetting that the man who found our country slaughtered the natives who claimed the land first,  
Not even bothering to recognize he was on the wrong side of the Earth,  
Calling them Indians out of ignorance.  
Your textbook never told you that Honest Abe was an Honest Racist,  
We're taught he was a great man because he freed the slaves,  
But we forget he strongly believed in segregation,  
And still called blacks niggers.  
So when you ask why we celebrate the accomplishments  
of the black men and women who have been tortured,  
beaten,  
exploited,  
maltreated,  
and persecuted by the white man,  
it is only because of your ignorance,  
which you can not help,  
because you were poisoned  
with bias.