Understanding Race and Racism: Black History Month III

To complete the Black History Month 2022 project, Connie DeSimone and Claudette Chmura have compiled a **third list** of films that can be viewed on multiple platforms. Needless to say, all the movies and events listed for Black History Month are only a tip of the proverbial iceberg. There are so many more to explore and that can be viewed from the comfort of your own homes. The streaming platforms are provided, and reviews/summaries can be found on Rotten Tomatoes.

The Twenty-Fourth Movie

Based on the true story of the 24th infantry regiment, an all-Black army regiment is involved in the deadly Houston Riots of 1917. (Vudu, Amazon Prime, AppleTV)

Son of the South Movie

Retells the story of a Klansman's grandson living in the Deep South who defies his racist culture and family to join the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. (Vudu, Amazon Prime, Apple TV)

The Loving Story Documentary

Arrested for violating Virginia's law against mixed-race marriages, this documentary tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, and interracial couple. In 1958, they embarked on a journey that would lead all the way to the US Supreme Court, which ruled the Virginia law illegal. (Amazon Prime, HBOMax, AppleTV)

Black Panther Movie

The first black superhero featured in a film, the story focuses on Prince T'Challa, who inherits the kingdom of Wakanda from his father. In true superhero fashion, he is challenged for the throne by evil forces. (Disney+, Vudu, Amazon Prime)

Mama Africa Documentary

This documentary highlights the career of Miriam Makeba, who became the most popular African singer in the world, as well as the voice pf South Africa's battle against apartheid. (Amazon Prime)

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks Movie

Having sought medical advice for a deadly medical condition, Henrietta died at the age of 31. Without her consent, doctors extracted cells for medical research. Based on a true story, the film displays the root causes of the distrust of Black Americans regarding the health care system. (Vudu, HBOMax, Amazon Prime)

The Thirteenth Documentary

This documentary links slavery with the modern-day prison system. Since 1970, the US prison population has grown to 2 million, 40% of which are Black prisoners. (Netflix)

All In: The Fight for Democracy Documentary

Stacey Abrams, an advocate for voting rights in Georgia, provides an insider's look into voter suppression in the US. The film demonstrates historical insight into a problem that has existed since the founding of our country, and still exists today. (Amazon Prime)