**Black is a Rainbow Color**

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There are a wide variety of colors! They are each wonderful, unique, and bring richness to us all. Without each and every color we lose some of what makes us who and what we are. In this book, we see how very diverse black is. Black is a rainbow all to itself. The author walks us through how one girl explores all that black is and has been. She finds that black makes the world around her. She also discovers that black is about love, community, struggle, family, and pain. Black is part of our history. Through this discovery, we deepen our appreciation for all the magnificent contributions of Black people and Black culture, as well as discover areas we need to do better. This book can be a great way to talk about the areas where we as a society have negated the contributions of Black culture and Black people. For Older Elementary Students, after the “Author’s Note”, there is a section of poetry, history, and “Timeline of Black Ethnonyms in America” that make this book a good learner for older children.

List of Possible Questions:

1. Why do you think black isn’t part of the rainbow?
2. What is special about black?
3. How can black be more than just a color?
4. How can black be a culture, family, community, and love?
5. What are all the colors of the “human” rainbow?
6. What is your color in the “human” rainbow?
7. How do you feel about black knowing that it is so much more than just a color?