



LGBTQ+ History

Pride Month is celebrated every June to honor the Stonewall riots of 1969 and to create awareness of LGBTQ+ history and the ongoing struggle for justice.

Conversation Questions

1. What does “queer” mean to you?
2. What events in queer history do you want to learn about?
3. How does your community celebrate LGBTQ+ pride?

Read

“Dr. James Barry and the Erasure of LGBTQ+ History” from *F Yeah History*

<https://bit.ly/2wDNRYh>

This article explores how the historical accounts of Dr. James Barry, an Army doctor, have misgendered him and undermined trans identities.

“The U.S. Bisexual+ Movement: A #BiWeek History Lesson” by Miranda Rosenblum from *GLAAD*

<https://bit.ly/2EntDZa>

This article provides a historical overview of the understanding and reception of bisexual identities within the LGBTQ+ movement and history.

“Why We Don’t Need Brain Scans to Confirm Trans People Are Actually Trans” by Sophie Searcy from *them.*

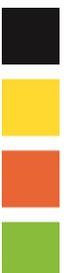
<https://goo.gl/o2znQH>

This essay explores whether the scientific quest for “proof” of trans experiences undermines progress toward trans acceptance and empowerment.

“What the Stonewall Riots Were Like” by Dean Eastmond from *Teen Vogue*

<https://goo.gl/btueVM>

This 2017 article includes first-person accounts from the 1969 Stonewall riots, considered the historical birthplace of the modern pride movement.





Listen

“81 Words” from *This American Life*

<https://bit.ly/2mO0V8q>

This podcast chronicles the events and major players in the 1973 removal of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, which had previously considered homosexuality a mental illness.

“Nancy” from WNYC

<https://goo.gl/iqB3CS>

This podcast features moving and important stories and discussions about the contemporary queer experience.

Watch

“LGBT 101: An Introduction to the Queer Community” by Margalit Schindler

<https://goo.gl/36dqta>

This video provides an introduction to the LGBTQ+ spectrum, including definitions for common terms as well as explanation of terms to avoid.

Explore

Trans Student Educational Resources

<http://www.transstudent.org/>

This trans youth-led national organization produces resources and services meant to increase understanding of trans issues and experiences.

“50 Years of Gays in the Media & in the Streets” from the Pacific Center for Human Growth

<https://bit.ly/2JYVBgg>

This series of short essays, accompanied by video clips, explores the portrayal of LGBTQ+ people in popular media from the 1960s through the 2000s.

