



What Is Pride Month?

On June 28, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, treating patrons and employees with violence. The raid sparked riots and protests for the next six days and was a catalyst for the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Pride Month is celebrated every June to honor this historical event and to create awareness of the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ+ justice.

Conversation Questions

1. What does "queer" mean to you?
2. What are some current issues that you feel are critical for queer persons?
3. What does your community do to celebrate Pride?

Read

"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

"The gladcast" from GLAAD

<https://goo.gl/3wqEbU>

This new podcast from GLAAD, an organization dedicated to LGBTQ media advocacy, features news around queer issues, as well as interviews with queer people of interest.





“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.

The Stay Proud Project

<https://goo.gl/tUEQzy>

This new video series seeks to recognize and celebrate LGBTQ+ history with a particular focus on first-person stories.

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.

“LGBT Pride Month” from the Library of Congress

<https://goo.gl/kpXnf7>

This page from the Library of Congress recounts the history of Pride Month in the United States, including government documents and proclamations pertaining to LGBT legislation and additional resources.

