In Roxane Gay's essay, "The Price of Black Ambition," one of the issues she addresses is Black History Month. Consider this quotation from the essay:

I AM THINKING ABOUT SUCCESS, AMBITION, AND blackness and how breaking through while black is tempered by so much burden. Nothing exemplifies black success
and ambition like Black History Month, a celebratory month I've come to dread as a time when people take an uncanny interest in sharing black-history facts with me to show how they are not racist. It's the month where we segregate some of history's most significant contributors into black history instead of fully integrating them into American history. Each February, we hold up civil-rights heroes and the black innovators and writers and artists who have made so much possible for this generation. We say, look at what the best of us have achieved. We conjure W. E. B. Du Bois, who once wrote, "The Negro race, like all races, is going to be saved by its exceptional men." We ask much of our exceptional men and women. We must be exceptional if we are to be anything at all.

Black History Month is important and a corrective to so much of America's fraught racial history. But in the twenty-first century, this relegating of black ambition to one month of recognition feels constraining and limiting rather than inspirational. (Gay)

Choose one of the following questions and discuss it.

1. Gay says that people of color "must be exceptional if [they] are to be anything at all" (Gay). She indicates that simple traditional success--a job, a home, a family--is not enough for people of color. They are only truly seen as successful if they are much more ambitious and achieve great success, like a doctor, a lawyer, an athlete, a musician. What do you think of this idea? Quote Gay in your answer.
2. Gay believes that Black History Month is "constraining and limiting rather than inspirational" (Gay). Why does she feel that way? What do you think? You can include other "appreciation" month (like Women's History or Latin-American History Months) in your answer. Quote Gay and any other sources you use in your answer

3. Must included a quote and / or additional source to support your answer