

Article from *Ebony*- Letters to the Editor

I chose this article because it gave the opinions of the people who have read *Ebony*, a magazine that relates to the African-American community. While looking for articles, it was very hard to find something that actually addressed African-American culture. The magazine was no different than any other magazine as far as content. It had ads, stories on actors, talked about the accomplishments of individuals throughout the nation, and it encouraged people to do new things.

The difference that *Ebony* had compared to other magazines is that it focused on people who were African-American. For instance, reading *People Magazine* gives you an idea as to what is going in famous peoples lives off stage, but usually African-Americans have stories that don't go any further than their stage performances and what they are wearing. *Ebony* will give African-Americans a chance to share their lives.

The article showed in many cases the appreciation that people had for the articles previously published in the magazine. One person wrote a thank you for an article that portrayed that blacks can excel just as much as any one else in music. Another person wrote in as an added thought that encourages job placement above and beyond what a previous article had done. People are also honored in this publication for the lives that are touched. These are people that are African-American and usually don't get the credit that they deserve. No where have I found any negativity towards other cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

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