Hidden Figures

For and Against Essay

The movie follows story of three female African-American mathematicians in 1960´s, who are working for NASA but also dealing with their positions in society. It is made by a true story. The first woman is Katherine G. Johnson brilliant and very talented mathematician then Dorothy Vaughan who is a head of calculations department for black women and Mary Jackson who is determined to become an engineer at NASA.

Being a black, highly intelligent woman in 1960´s or in the past generaly must have been hard. The women were underestimated and considered to be less than men. It was not easy to prove that they are more than just housewifes or assistants of man. And plus being black what meant even less rights and separation from the rest white people. And so working for NASA at that time was not easy, it must have been challenging but these three woman were decided not to give up but many times it seemed almost impossible to hold on.

Katherine G. Johnson was from a little child very good at mathematisc and so as an adult she get the opportunity to work for NASA but not the position she deserved. In 1960´s the Americans were in the Cold War with Russia so they were trying to be first at everything and they wanted to get to the space as first what did not work out. So then they wanted to get to the Moon but at that time they were not computers and technique which would count for them, they needed people for it, that is how Katherine get a chance to finally calculate something important. She was not welcomed there with opened arms, she was judged by everyone in the room except for Al Harrison the head of a programm, because he saw what she is capable of. There were times when she could not drink a coffe because black and white people had to have a different kettle, also when she wanted to go to the toilet she had to walk on the other side of the area because their department did not have a toilete for people of differetn color of skin and then back what took a lot of time. Also her work was not effective because informations she got were old, because she could not be with them on the briefings and she got the informations too late. There were many reasons to quit but she had to loved her work so much because through all of it she did not give up and eventually it got better.

Dorothy Vaughan with her resourcefulness was able to learn how to work with computer even when she was not meant to. Even thou her boss Mrs Mitchell did not like her and was not very respectful towards her. But with the time and her determination she got her recognition and kept work for not only her but all the other women in her departement.

Mary Jackson very soon after she started to work for NASA found out that she wants become an engineer. But woman an engineer really? Well, her journey was not easy at all. She had to have an night lessons with other white men, handle their judgmental looks, words but after long buttle without giving up because she wanted it and decided to get it she eventually made it.

So at the end I would write that it is great that they made a movie about these strong women, who were able not to give up and fight for what they wanted even through so many obstacles thrown under their feet. And that it does not matter what color, gender or orientation you are we should all get the same opportunities, righs and obligations.

Film: Hidden figures

Hidden figures plays a role in the study of Science. However it is mainly about three gifted women Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson. These women are very intelligent mathematicians who work for NASA. But they cannot reach their career goals as easy as other people because they are African-American. So this historical drama shows problems of coloured people in 1960s.

These three brilliant ladies are being degraded every day not just because they are black but also because they are women. At 1960s work in NASA was mainly for men. So they were working in kind of "men's world" and that's why they had to constantly prove that they are also valuable. So they had to deal with struggles between science, gender and race.

This film opened my eyes and I learned more about racism. It is very important to talk about this kind of things. Because we should all be equal. We can't judge someone just for being black. They can't change their skin colour and also why should they? They should be proud. But this problem still continues. Even now there are people who are mad when their white child wants to marry a black person.

At the other hand in my opinion some scenes where little bit exaggerated. For example when Katherine couldn't even drink coffee from the same kettle as white men. Or when Dorothy couldn't buy a book because it was in section for white people. But I think that I understand that people who worked on this film wanted to show to us as much racism as they could because they wanted to spread that it is bad.

In conclusion I really liked this film. It is educational, it reopens conversations about important issues of everyday life and it has strong social message. It is also empowering for other black women in world. And it is based on true story so it gives these women more recognition and deserved glory, because back then they were treated like computers.