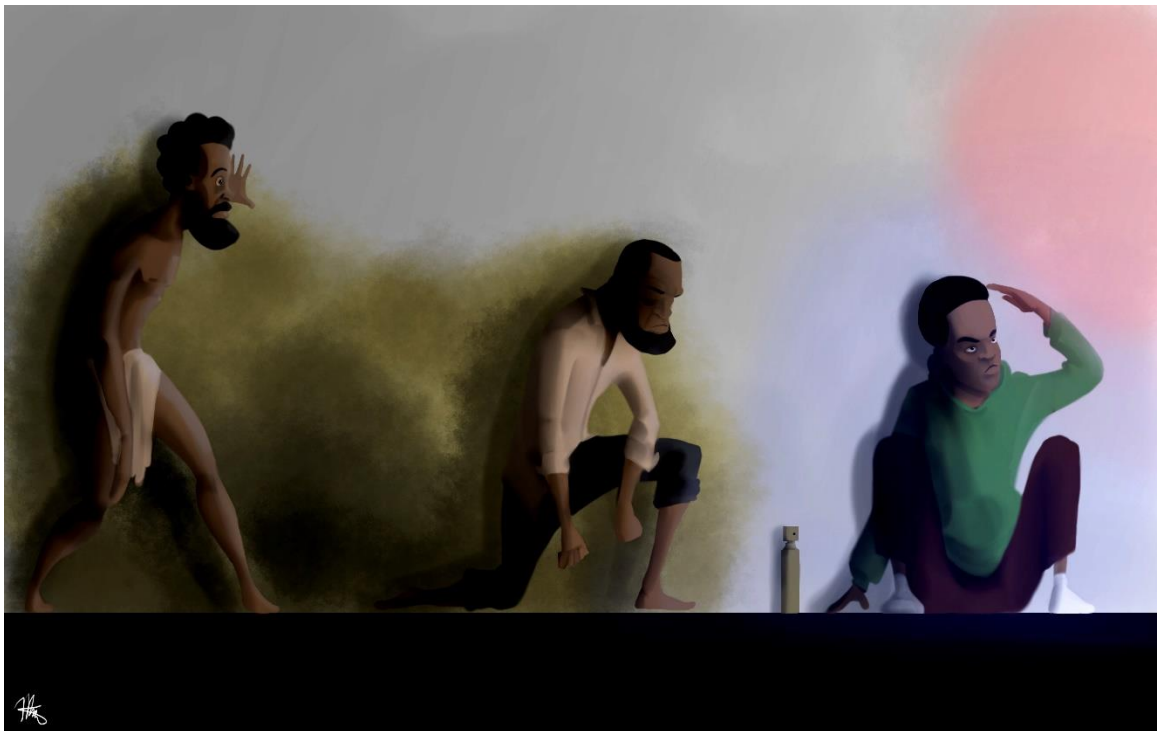


## Youth Artwork Honouring Black History Month

As part of this year's Black History Month celebrations, we are proud to showcase the incredible talents of youth artist, Mbong, who has created three paintings in honour of Black History Month 2021. This is the first of the series.

### "Progression" by Mbong



Mbong describes his painting, titled Progression, as:

"A physical presentation of the evolution of racism throughout the past 400 years. On the left, things are more grey, and progressively get brighter towards the right. Although the Black man on the right is experiencing more light around him, it may not be the light at the end of the tunnel that he was hoping for as they are the lights of law enforcement. This can be symbolic of the of the long journey that Black peoples have made throughout the darkness, and the long journey that it will still take to get into a comfortable light."

*Mbong's artwork is on Instagram @mbong\_mbong*

This is the second of the series.

## "Oppression" by Mbong



Mbong describes his painting, titled Oppression, as:

"Someone of less power (Black) is trapped in a massive hole with someone of more power (white). Taking the initiative to get out of this situation, the Black man, without any praise or recognition, is oppressed and overshadowed by the white woman. This represents the oppression of Black people by whites, even if they may not have the intention of doing so. It can also represent how a Black person's struggle and a white person's struggle may be the same physically, but in society that might not be the case."

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This is the third of the series.

## "Transgression" by Mbong



Mbong describes his painting, titled Transgression, as:

"This painting is located at a public speaking event, intended for one man to give insight into his struggles as a less fortunate Black man. Fortunately, he is surrounded by people that he is comfortable with. Despite this, he's yet to be given a microphone so he can tell his story. This is an example of Black people shoving their own under the carpet, even if they are on the same side. It also represents someone being in a movement physically, but their actions within that movement tell an entirely different story."

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