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Speech Topics:

- **African American Literary Traditions and their contribution to Literacy in America:** The body of literature written by African Americans, beginning in the pre-Revolutionary War period, to contemporary times has engaged in a creative, if not often contentious dialogue with American letters. The result is a literature rich in expressive subtlety and social insight, offering illuminating assessments of not only African American, but what we can call American identities and history.

- **Black History Month – Unsung Heroes and Unheard Voices in Our Communities; Some Achievements of Blacks over the Ages:** This speech discusses the origin of Black History Month as well as the contributions of several Black inventors, medical pioneers, and civic and community leaders.

- **Renewing the American Dream for African Americans:** Problems of violence, lack of education and mass incarceration are intimately linked to black America's jobs crisis. The unemployment rate for blacks is double than that of whites, but in many poor communities the disparities are even more staggering. Chronic unemployment and underemployment fractures families and neighborhoods and chokes off hope. Renewing the American Dream for African Americans requires a bold step toward programs that can catapult them into self-worth and eminence. But what are some of the programs that can renew the pursuit of the American dream?

- **The Black Child and the Education System**

- **Extentionalism and the Black Beauty**

- **The social and educational factors contributing to the outcomes of Black students in urban schools**

- **Challenging Emancipation and Power through Cultural Resistance**

- **The Changing ‘Face’ of African Immigrants and Refugees Issues**

- **African Traditional Education Prior to Colonization**

- **The African Girl Child in the middle of a web of traditions and customs.**