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GT students learned about **Dr. Percy Julian**, an African American chemist who fought through a multitude of barriers in the early 20th century to achieve his PhD and further his career. His groundbreaking accomplishments included synthesizing a drug to treat glaucoma, artificial hormones to treat/prevent cancer, and cortisone to treat the debilitating disease Rheumatoid Arthritis. The discussion led students to create a blog in Classroom in which they can research and share other “hidden genius” heroes. In one group, discussion turned to racism in general, with one student raising the question, “Why do we learn so much about the discrimination of African Americans in history, but not about how Asians were treated and discriminated against in history of the US?”



