

Black Awareness

A Need for Black History

By Cynthia Locke

Today's student finds Black History important, because too many Americans have gone too long without knowing that the Black man helped make America what it is. History deals with the systematic records of past events, especially of those concerning the life of a nation in which "man" has taken part. Fund and Wagnalls Dictionary defines "man" as a member of the genus "Homo", the most highly developed of the primates, differing from other animals in having "erect posture, extraordinary development of the brain." Examining the definition, it states nothing about the color of skin or a particular race.

Afro American History or Black History is important to all races, especially the the black and white man. The white man "must" learn Black History in order to realize that he didn't do everything. The white man has been told for many years that, first, he discovered America, second, that he made inventions that improved America, and, third, that he is the best.

First of all, the white man did not discover America. How can he discover America when someone was already here? The white man needs to know Black History so that he can think logically and factually. Next, the slaves of Eli Whitney, "Black

men" invented the cotton gin. It was they who helped make the cotton clothes that the black man as well as the white man wears. Last, it was not George Washington Carver that domesticated the peanut. The white man needs to know who make it possible for him to eat peanut butter. The white man is not the best of all beings. Wilma Rudolph, a "Black woman", represented America in the World Olympics. She returned with a winning victory. Isn't that some of the best? These facts along with other facts need to be known by both Blacks and Whites.

The Black man needs Black History because he has been brain washed by the white man's history. In the past the black man had to read the white man's history book. In the past the black man had to pass the white man's history test to get the white man's diploma. He can now empty his mind of the white man's knowledge and learn the way of the Black man.

There is only one reason which could possibly compensate for the deletion of Black History. In the past, the black man did not have the freedom to express himself or make himself known. But now, the Black man has the green light, so light up and get all there is to be known about the Black man.

HOW IT IS TO ME

All of my thinking must center around my people,
THE BLACK PEOPLE OF THE WORLD that is.

BLACK MAN' BLACK WOMAN is the thing. Hand in hand
we will reach our ultimate goal. We will find the
beauty that lies in being BLACK.

BLACK is me, you, yours, mine, ours together. That
is the binding force which must hold us.

Being BLACK is good, Important and very necessary.
To know our true roots, (AFRICA), is surely
an honor. To take claim to our heritage is a
heavenly asset.

I am me, a Beautiful VLACK WOMAN, you are you, a
Beautiful BLACKMAN. In that lies our people's
future.

Together is the only way we will make it!!!

It's so nice to be BLACK.
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Born Like Me

Born to do what is right
Born to be so free;
Born to work from night to night
Then you were born like me.

Born to help when it is needed
Born to Heaven, see;
Born to get brotherhood seeded
Then you were born like me.

Born to love everyone-nomatter whom or where
Born to see hope and never despair;
Born a Child of God to be
Then you were born like me.

ON BEING COLORED

I was born a colored child, so they say,
On a cold Novembers' day.
I was without a fther, and without a home
Without food, without clothing, everything seemed wrong.
In those days the white man was king.
He owned money, man and just about everything.

Since living for about nineteen years
I've experienced hardships and fears along with tears,
Brought about the white man's aim
To be rich, great and acquire all types of fame.

I've learned that I'm no longer colored, but "Black".
I can stand or sit in the front or in the back.
I'm a Black woman you see
With a name, an identity, and I'm free
I'm just as good as a white woman
I'm Black, Beautiful and Grand.

I've learned to walk with my head up high
For I'm somebody, "that you can't deny".

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When I Was Young

When I was young
And full of glee,
The heart of another
Came to me.

But I was young;
Too bold to know,
That if I left
My sorrow would show.

The heart of another
Pleaded with me,
Take my chance
Refuse to flee.

When I was young
I thought I felt,
My folks knew best
For them I knelt.

When I was young
Time sped past,
The Heart of another
Was gon too fast.

When I was young
I learned too quick,
The Heart of another
Had made me tick.

By Annie Faison

UNCLE SAM'S BUDGET

I.C.B.M.—\$1,000,000,000
N.A.S.A.—\$3,000,000,000
A.B.M.—\$2,000,000,000
Vietnam—\$428,000,000,000
World Trade—\$83,000,000
U.S.Steel—\$326,000,000
Bethlehem Steel—\$526,000,000
Lockheed Steel—\$85,000,000
N.A.T.O.—\$1000,000,000
U.N.—\$325,000,000
F.B.I.—\$18,000,000
C.I.A.—\$78,000,000
NIGGERS—\$40
By C.B.

The element of black politics which gives the black political process the life and vitality to assure that it will never revert to more primitive forms is the emerging control over black value systems. That is for the first time in the history of the black people's presence in America, black people understand the need and importance of evaluating themselves by their own criteria, evolved from their experience in America and the consciousness that that produces. Thus black study programs, black cultural programs, black awareness in political consciousness where evaluations are made with reference to that consciousness, rather than to alien white consciousness which is designed to

control the black spirit. It is only with the support of a profound and persuasive black consciousness that black political control of behavior systems can ever be achieved. But again, we must be sure not to confuse the process of emerging political and evaluative consciousness with the overall solution which is the liberation of black people. That liberation consists not only of physical liberation from oppression policies and circumstances, but physiological liberation hegemony in American Society. Let's consider one further aspect our political struggle which is the black politics of knowledge.

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