

Monthly Newsletter



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If you need some advice, ask Khalid! This is an opportunity for you to gain tips and advice from a fellow scholar. Khalid wants to help and support you.

Maybe you are having a difficult time with a sibling. Possibly you find your assignments challenging and do not know how to handle your workload. Did you make your parents unhappy recently and are having a hard time smoothing things over? Need some help? Ask Khalid



A word from our Editor...

THE UNTOLD TRUTH ABOUT BLACK HISTORY

BY SAPHYR BROWN

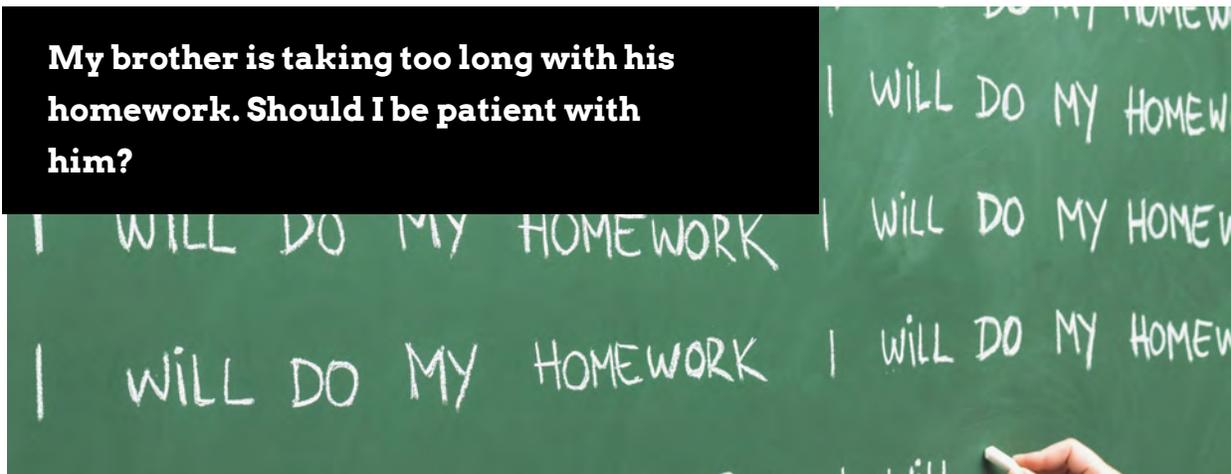
During February, the month labeled as 'Black History Month', we may hear lots of people speak about many black leaders on TV such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, or Harriet Tubman. The question is, why can't we have that same kind of conversation and positive thinking every single day? Did you know that America wouldn't be America if it weren't for our ancestors? There shouldn't be one month that's just for us, all twelve of them should be for us, because us black people are all part of America in some way. We helped create it.

A reason why people might not have the same kind of conversations about black leaders everyday is because of, well, arrogance. People might not speak of these kinds of things because of jealousy and arrogance or maybe even pride of some sort. They may not like the feeling that their ancestors didn't live to do such great things like black ones have. The only reason those same people speak about black people in February is because they feel entitled to, because of it being Black History Month.

Another problem with Black History Month is the type of black people we talk about. We all know Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, etc etc. Those people are well known, but did you know about Muhammad Ali, W. E. B. Du Bois, Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, or August Wilson? We always hear about the same people, but don't take the time to acknowledge other powerful ones. However, despite all these little things, it is up to us black adults and black children, to honor our ancestors and to take every month to learn and appreciate OUR history. The history of the world itself.

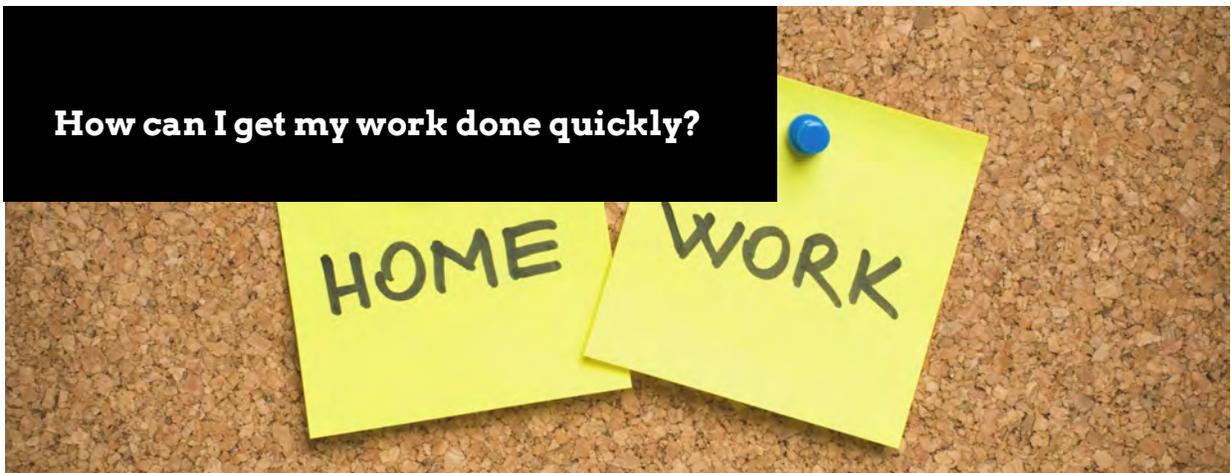
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My brother is taking too long with his homework. Should I be patient with him?



Yes, Alan, I think you should be patient with your brother because you can always give him more time. Also, don't let him start his homework at the last second.

How can I get my work done quickly?



Kobi, I think you can get your work done quicker by starting your homework right after class. That way you get it done and on time.



VOICES IN THE ROOM GUEST SPEAKERS

STARR-LYNN ALLEN

In this column, I will be talking about the NASA astronaut Raja Chari and the scientist Kenneth Moore. Raja Chari was in the Air Force which is pretty cool. That meant he flew an airplane before he flew a rocketship. F35 was his last office (that means plane) after that he went to train at NASA. You have to train for two years that's 730 days! Last you have to learn the Russian language because there are a lot of Russian astronauts in space.

Kenneth Moore works at Pfizer which is a pharmaceutical company. The number of years Kenneth Moore took to train was 8 to 12 years which is also a long time! That's 2920 to 4380 days! He also had an office. It might be a team office or just his own. Last, he said that the other scientists are still debating if the virus came from bats or China. That was my column. Hope you enjoyed it!





AMERICA HAS ITS 1ST FEMALE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT

ANIYAH PARKER NELSON

Kamala Harris is the 49th Vice President of America. She is also the first female African American and Asian American to hold this position. She was born in Oakland, California, on October 20, 1964. Her mother's name is Shyamala Gopalan-Harris and her father's is Donald J. Harris. She has a younger sister and her name is Maya.

Kamala went to Thousand Oaks Elementary School, which was previously 95% white and after desegregation was 40% black. A neighbor regularly took the Harris girls to an African-American church in Oakland. Kamala says she has been strongly influenced by her maternal grandfather P. V. Gopalan.

In 1990, Harris was hired as a deputy district attorney in Alameda County, California, where she was described as "an able prosecutor on the way up."

On MLK Day, January 21, 2019, Harris announced on Good Morning America that she would be seeking the Democratic presidential nomination. Her campaign slogan was "For the People." Although Harris fell short of her sights of the presidential nomination that year, she was selected as Joe Biden's running mate. Kamala Harris was sworn into office on January 20, 2021. It's a very amazing transformation that our United States of America finally has a female Vice President.





UBUNTU VILLAGE PRESENTS AT THE 13TH ANNUAL YOUTH HEALTH SCIENCE FAIR EXCHANGE

BROOKLYN-AMAYA THOMPSON

During the informational but fun 13th Annual Youth Health Science Fair Exchange, we learned a lot. The topic was Science for Survival. The young scholars of Ubuntu Village (us) taught about smart devices and how they work, how they're bad, and how they're good. We also used the reading strategy which was questioning, to prepare our research and develop our presentation.

There were so many other African centered institutions in attendance that presented on a number of topics. For example, the Akoben Institute taught about COVID-19 and building immunity. They did AWESOME! We had AYA Educational Institute talk about vaccines of the past, present, and future as well as, how melanin can stimulate immunity defense against COVID-19. They also did really WELL.

Then we had Tamu S. Kanyama Preparatory Academy present on mental health during COVID-19 and also Qigong for Wholistic Health Kinesthetics online. Wow, that's a lot of COVID-19!!! And we're still not done, Kibolebole focused on surviving COVID-19 which we thank them for all of their great information. Last, but not least, Pearl Academy Math and Science Institute did not disappoint with their presentations on Mini cell towers, the internet of things, RFID, and microwave radiation. If you missed this one, stay tuned for information about our next event.



BLACK SUPER HERO DUO SAVE THE DAY - KOBI OBENG & GARY JOHNSON

During a sunny afternoon, Tod and Martha were eating a sandwich in New York during a Black Lives Matter protest. While Tod was eating his sandwich, he could see from the corner of his eye that the BLM protesters had stopped walking down the street. He told Martha. "Martha, did you see that?" "No. what is it?" Tod finally decided to take a good look at what was going on. "Police are stopping the protesters!!!" 'LET'S SAVE THE DAY!!!' they say together.

If the police were stopping the protesters, they wouldn't be able to keep on marching. It was up to Tod and Martha to let them keep going. "You won't be able to let them keep going! You're just a regular person." said one of the officers. "Hold that thought! Not so fast!" replied PWoman. Both friends took off their clothes covering their superhero & shero suits. Tod had the super power of bubbles. Martha had wind. Together, they had planned that Tod(BlackPowerMan) would trap the police in bubbles after Martha(PeaceWoman) blew them away from the crowd of protesters. They could also fly.

"Let's start saving the day!" said Tod. "I'M READY WHEN YOU ARE!" shouts Martha. "Ok, READY, SET, GO!". Suddenly, a large blast of fast cold air comes from Peace Woman's hands in a fist. It blows the police officers away from the crowd of protesters. Then, Black Power Man used his Bubble Blower to trap the police officers in bubbles. They were frowning. "Good Job, Martha!" said Tod. "You did well, too!" Tod and Martha threw the gate away from the crowd. "Thank You!" a few of the protesters said. "IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO SAVE THE DAY!!!" say Martha and Tod together as the protesters kept marching into the sunset.

