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Some Latinos Are African Too - Part 2



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Many Latinos are African, not all, but enough. Some will say yes when asked, some will say no. The cultural richness of numerous Latin American nations consistently reflect African, European and Asian roots. These roots are in western terms, Black, white, red and brown.

With this noted, we have, via **HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION**, stated on several occasions that one of the best inhouse decisions that Black people in this country made in recent years was to agree on the term African American.

Not all Africans in America have embraced the term yet, just as many Latinos are also reflecting on Hispanic, Spanish, Chicano, Latinos, etc. In both cases, it is an evolutionary process.

Living in New York Town for several years and working as a university ad-

ministrator, I recall many brown skinned Latinos and Latinas telling me that they were not Black. Some would say this, not all.

Implied was the idea that Black went along with American and that one could be denying their Latin American roots by saying otherwise.

What many Latinos did and do say with pride is that they cherish their multi-cultural heritage, which sometimes includes Africa.

These African roots are as deep as those of Continental Africans, African Americans or those Africans from the English and French speaking nations of the Caribbean.

For this and other reasons, it is very practical for a genuine bond to occur and/or remain between Spanish, English, French and Portuguese speaking Black and Brown people.

What we are writing here

GUIDE YOUR CHILD TO GOOD STUDY HABITS

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Good study habits. You had a head start on most of your classmates if you practiced them when you were in school. Plenty of people never learned the right way to study, regardless of how many years they spent in school. Even today good study practices are a mystery to many students--perhaps including your own child.

Without proper study habits your child's efforts at successful learning are hampered unnecessarily, yet such skills are not difficult to

is certainly not the definitive statement on what we again call an evolutionary process. However, what is stated here may be used as a reference point for people interested in building bridges and finding common ground.

This is not about denying one's culture, but rather about assessing one's points of strength. And what we write here is applicable to people living across this nation.

For that reason, we welcome comments and feedback from people of all ethnicities regarding this special two-part column.

Let's hear from Atlanta, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Boston, Buffalo, Birmingham, Chicagoland, Denver, Tampa, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Highland Park, Milwaukee, San Francisco.

New York Town, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Richmond, Roanoke, Salem, San Diego, Seattle, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Miami, Johnson City, Normal, Ferrum, Compton, Pomona, Claremont, Fontana.

By the way, how many people will agree that there is only one race, the human race? Please send comments to: **HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION, 3139 N. Garey Avenue, Suite 101, Pomona, CA 91767.**

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attain. Here are five important tips to help you guide your child toward appropriate study practices. They'll make learning easier, as well as provide a boost to self-confidence.

1. Establish a time pattern for study with your child, then adopt it as a standard routine and stick with it. Within reason, study time should occur when your child is most productive.

2. Decide with your child what is acceptable as a snack. A crisp apple or orange juice is just enough to provide a healthy energy lift. The distraction caused by sloppy food easily can become a delaying tactic to put off study responsibilities.

3. Select a quiet, well-lighted location apart from the family activity with good seating and a desk or flat work area for studying. Soft background music is optional at your discretion; loud rock music is out.

4. Discuss and agree in advance to your child's request for joint study sessions with a classmate or friend. Occasionally a session might be appropriate, but your child should clearly explain the need and plan the session in advance.

5. Encourage your child to spend any study time productively. After a quick review of the day's assignments, he should allot the necessary completion time. Short periods of concentration--15 to 25 minutes each, depending upon his attention span--are best, separated by brief breaks. A regular weekly written review of highlights from memory will integrate the details of the daily assignments into a bigger picture; and he'll have the basis for test reviews.

What part should you play? Your role should be more interactive than supervisory. You should verify, not grill.

You needn't try to help him with his studies (most parents don't have that much patience, anyway). Ask him directed questions; with such interaction he probably

A First For Historically Black Colleges and Universities

LOS ANGELES -- For the first time ever, Historically Black Colleges and Universities have an opportunity to come together in academic competition.

Campus All-Star Challenge, sponsored exclusively by American Honda Motor Co., Inc. is sanctioned by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) and the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I), features teams from Historically Black Colleges and Universities in competition for monetary grants to upgrade facilities and resources.

Campus All-Star Challenge, whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and provide funding needed to effect the missions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, is slated to be an annual event.

The four-member teams from each participating institution answer questions from various disciplines including history, literature, sciences, current events, the arts and more. Questions regarding achievements of African, African-American and Caribbean cultures are also included.

Thirty-one teams, divided into four geographic areas -- Southwest, Southeast, the Capital Area and the Carolinas and Western States -- competed simultaneously in Sectional playoffs March 9-11, 1990, for the oppor-

can solve his own problems.

Your verification of your child's progress through interaction and dialogue is even more important if his best study time occurs while you are at work.

And by all means, you should reward your child for fulfilling studying responsibilities properly. It's a good way for you to firmly reinforce your standards of quality. And while success is its own reward, your child has earned a special privilege and your praise, as well.

For more information on good study habits, come by Sylvan Learning Center, or call 795-READ to get a copy of "The Guide to Good Studying," an informative booklet about proper study practices.

tunity to enter the National Tournament, April 5-10, 1990 in Washington, D.C.

The 16 teams advancing to the National Tournament are: Albany State University, Alcorn State University, Delaware State University, Howard University, Jackson State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Morehouse College, Prairie View A&M University, Rust College, Savannah State College, South Carolina State College, Texas Southern University, Tuskegee University, Virginia State University and West Virginia State College.

"Campus All-Star Challenge is an opportunity to fully demonstrate American Honda's commitment to academic excellence at these institutions of higher learning," stated Eric Conn, senior manager of American Honda's auto advertising division.

The National Championship Tournament will be taped for broadcast by Black Entertainment Television (BET), and will air Saturday's from 5-5:30 p.m. from April 14, through June 2, 1990. Robert Johnson, president of BET stated, "BET is delighted to be part of this historic telecast. We consider this a unique opportunity to showcase the tremendous intellectual talent among Black student."

Clinton Holmes, who has opened for Bill Cosby, will host the televised competition. Burton Richardson, of the Arsenio Hall Show, will be the announcer for Campus All-Star Challenge.

National Tournament Week, whose focus is "Quality Education: The Key to America's Future," includes culturally diverse activities, as well as the academic competition.

On Thursday, April 5, over 200 people, including administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni of Historically Black Colleges and Universities will kick off Challenge festivities. A commendation from U.S. President Bush citing the positive global impact of Campus All-Star Challenge will be presented to atten-

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