

*Leyitha's  
Capstone Project*

*School: Science leadership Academy @Beeber*

*Date: May 18, 2017*

## *About this presentation*

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*The values and what I envisioned for my capstone was similar to what I have put in place for the school club I founded; African Root Connection. My capstone presentation is the highlights of that school club.*



# African Root Connection

- *Science Leadership Academy @Beeber have a student population that is predominantly Black.*
- *I wanted to create a legacy, a space for specially black students to come together and learn about their roots.*

## Demographics



■ Black 59%   ■ White 19.8%   ■ Hispanic 10.6%   ■ Asian 6.2%   ■ Other 4.4%

## *ARC Objectives*

- Learn about one's roots*
  - Help with identity*
  - Learn self-dependency*
- Be a positive change in the community*
  - Learn about one's roots*

# ARC Objectives

- ★ *Learn about one's roots: Members will study historical events to know more and understand more about our roots.*
- ★ *Help with identity: I believe that we must learn to unlearn certain things about ourselves as people. For centuries, we have thought the worst about ourselves. The reality of it is we are strong, beautiful, creative and wonderful people. When we learn about our ancestry, we learn about ourselves therefore we know what is our purpose.*

# ARC Objectives

- ★ *Learn self-dependency: The struggle for Black people cannot be ignored, the world is changing and we need to be empowered for autonomy and intra-dependence on the global stage and in the US. For Black people to become self-sufficient we need to identify the problems and create solutions. For example- land ownership, responding to natural disasters, clean water and food sources, etc.*
- ★ *Be a positive change in the community: By next school here, we will raise money, ask for funding from organization. We'll held events and workshops for the community. We will do food, clothes drive and do a lot of other events to support the community.*

# *ARC's activities*

- *Read literature by African authors*
  - *Learn dances*
  - *Learn songs*
- *Create and explore various art forms*
  - *Discuss/Debate current events*
- *Learn about a variety of our African ancestry/history*
  - *Learn about African Spirituality*

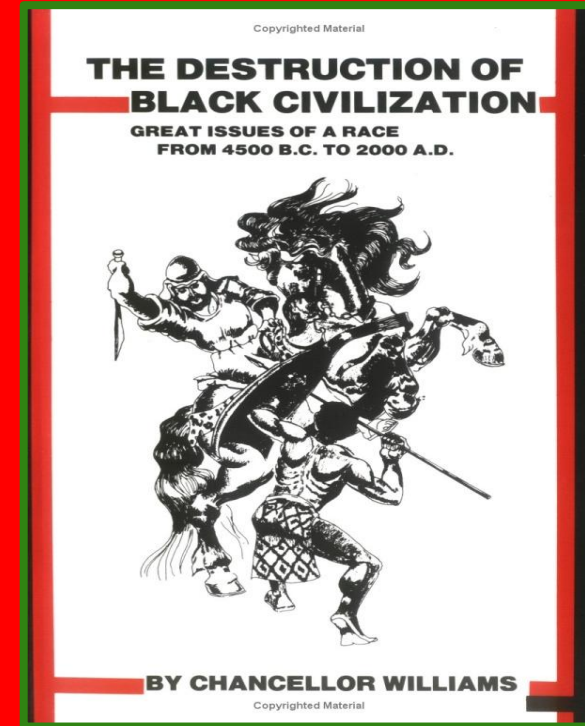
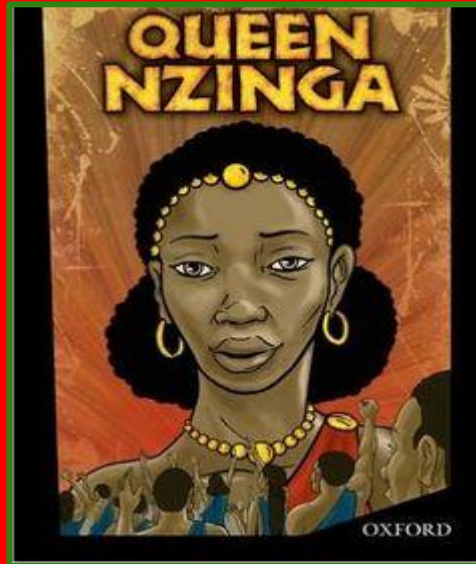


# *ARC's activities*

- *Guest speakers to come to our school, opportunities provided*
  - *Find new solutions for black issues*
  - *Learn about nutrition (very important)*
- *Partner with organizations to support blacks*
  - *Community service*
  - *Cultural performances – paid entry*
    - *Trips*

*African Root Connection have meetings every Monday  
after school and Friday during lunch.  
In room 319*

*One of the most important  
lesson that we did was on  
Nzinga and read the pages  
dedicated to her from the book,  
“The destruction of black  
civilization”*



*Learning together doesn't only happen in the school. We get out and meet new people and explore.*



*A big part of ARC is doing fundraisers for our  
ARC treasury.*

*We are saving for trips, books, bringing  
opportunities to students and any expenses  
that we might face in the future.*

# ARC's fundraiser

We bring tasty beef patties  
and healthy drink to students  
and staff every 1st and 3rd  
Thursday.

African **Root** Connection

Hosts a lunch fundraiser

Held every 1st & 3rd Thursday

<p>Combo (Beef or Chicken patty &amp; 1 juice)</p> <p><b>\$3.50</b></p> <p><b>Special</b></p>	
<p>Beef Patty</p> <p><b>\$2</b></p> <p><i>A' la carte</i></p>	
<p>Izze Fruit Juice</p> <p><b>\$1.50</b></p> <p><i>A' la carte</i></p>	
<p>Welch's Fruit Juice</p> <p><b>\$1.50</b></p> <p><i>A' la carte</i></p>	

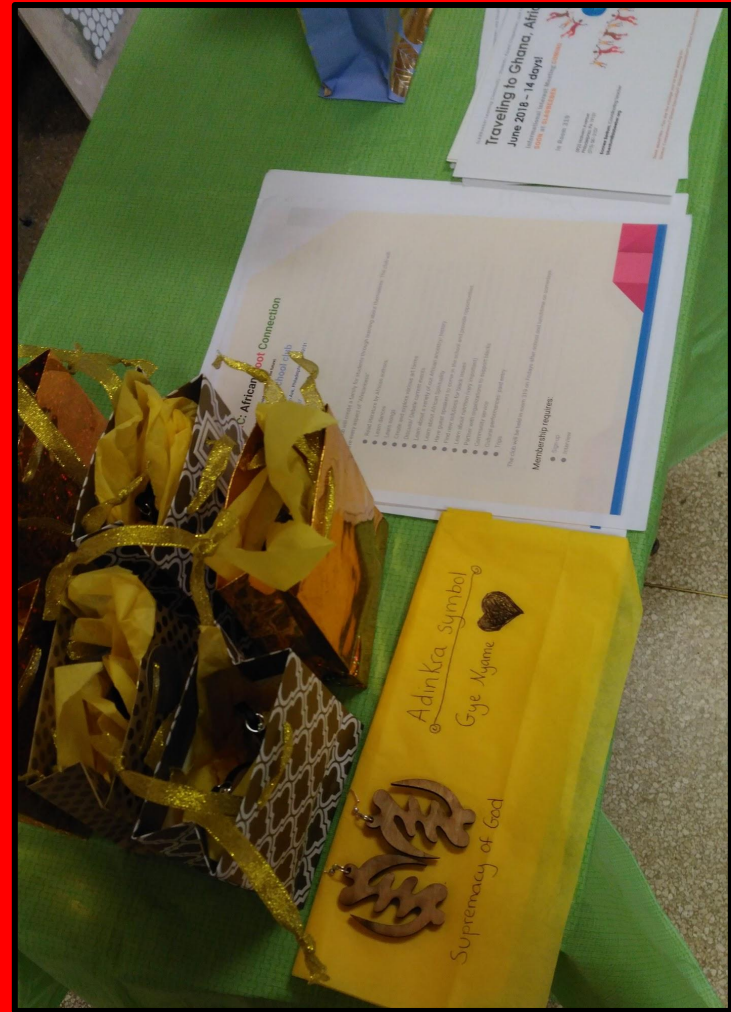
*We usually set up right  
between Mr. Levy's room and  
the school store.*

*On the second floor we have  
more customers because  
students are there to buy  
from the school store.*



# ARC's fundraiser

We were there at the "student showcase brunch", We presented to everyone that was there and told them about ARC and the trip we are planning to Ghana.



# *ARC's fundraiser*

*We sold earrings that were  
Adinkra symbols, Africa  
shape.*





*Remember those are only the highlights for this year.  
Please sign up so we can know if you are interested in  
supporting in any way.*

*Thank You*