

KWANZAA @ THE AAMP

A Guide to Celebrating and Learning

Day 1

Umoja (Unity)

Theme: "Strength in Struggle"

**Book: When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson
by Pam Muñoz Ryan**

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.A)

How did Marian Anderson's perseverance and unity with her community help her overcome barriers in her career? Discuss the role of support from others in achieving success.

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.A)

Write a brief explanation analyzing how Marian Anderson's achievements exemplify the principle of Umoja (Unity). Use evidence from the text to explain how she united people through her music and actions.



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Day 2

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Theme: "Philadelphia Voices"

Book: Tasting Freedom: Octavius Catto and the Battle for Equality in Civil War America

by Daniel R. Biddle and Murray Dubin

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.C)

How did Octavius Catto's determination to achieve equality impact his community and the city of Philadelphia? How does his story reflect the importance of self-determination?

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.S)

Write a short story imagining you are Octavius Catto writing a letter to future Philadelphians. Share your dreams for equality and how self-determination played a role in achieving those goals.



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Day 3

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

Theme: "Helping Hands in Philly"

**Book: We Want Freedom: A Life in the Black Panther Party
by Mumia Abu-Jamal**

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.A)

How did the Black Panther Party embody the principle of Ujima through their community programs and activism? Discuss how collective work helped address issues in their community.

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.G)

Write a brief informational report describing how the Black Panther Party's work in Philadelphia exemplifies Ujima. Include specific examples of their programs and their impact on the community.



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Day 4

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Theme: "Dream Business in Philadelphia"

Book: Conversations With Harriett by Jeannine A. Cook

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.D)

How does Jeannine A. Cook use her bookshop to support cooperative economics? Discuss how her business fosters community and empowerment.

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.M)

Write a persuasive letter to a local business owner, encouraging them to adopt practices that reflect the principle of Ujamaa. Use examples from A Talk With Harriet to support your argument.



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Day 5

Nia (Purpose)

Theme: "A Vision for Philly"

Book: The Philadelphia Negro by W.E.B. Du Bois

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.G)

What does W.E.B. Du Bois identify as the challenges and strengths of Philadelphia's Black community in The Philadelphia Negro? How do these observations connect to the principle of Nia (Purpose)?

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.I)

Write a brief analytical essay exploring how W.E.B. Du Bois's work in The Philadelphia Negro reflects the principle of Nia. Discuss how his study inspires a sense of purpose in addressing societal challenges.



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Kuumba (Creativity)

Theme: "Philadelphia Through Art"

**Book: Philadelphia Murals and the Stories They Tell
by Jane Golden**

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.F)

How do murals in Philadelphia inspire creativity and community engagement? Discuss the role of public art in expressing the city's history and culture.

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.U)

Write a descriptive composition imagining you are creating a mural for your community. Describe the images, colors, and messages you would include to reflect the principle of Kuumba and why they are meaningful.



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Day 7

Imani (Faith)

Theme: "Believe in Justice"

Book: Rosa by Nikki Giovanni

Discussion Question: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.5.8.A)

How did Rosa Parks demonstrate faith in justice during the Civil Rights Movement? Discuss how her belief in change influenced others to take action.

Writing Prompt: (Aligned to PA Standard CC.1.4.8.V)

Write a reflective essay about a time you had faith in something important. Compare your experience to Rosa Parks's faith in justice, using examples from Rosa to highlight similarities and differences.



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