



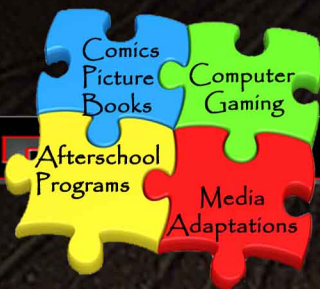
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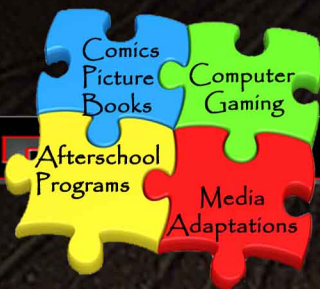
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A Call for Collaboration

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In these turbulent times, we must work together to remind ourselves that trust, integrity, kindness and cooperation is what binds us as a society, a people. Above all, this must be the message we provide for our children.

To this end, *A Holistic Learning Approach* is a proposal designed to reach out to like-minded educators and philanthropic individuals in the hope of collaboration.

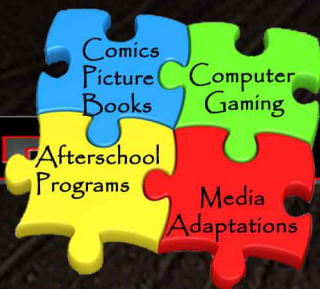
The objective is twofold;

- Capture the attention of young people with a unique perspective on stories they already know and love.
- Locate talented students that might otherwise go unrecognized.



Don Houston
and family in Greece

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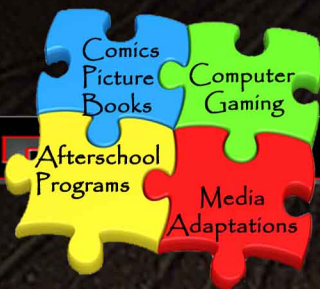


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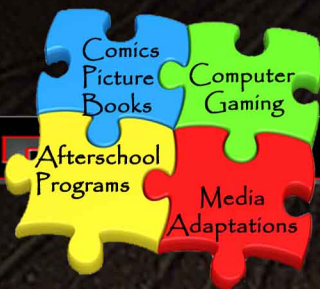
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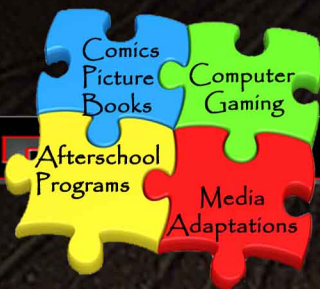
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- Comics are the first level of attention capture.

- The approach operates as a literacy platform. Content targets age group, 4th through 12th grades.



-Helen of Troy serves as our heroine and storyteller.

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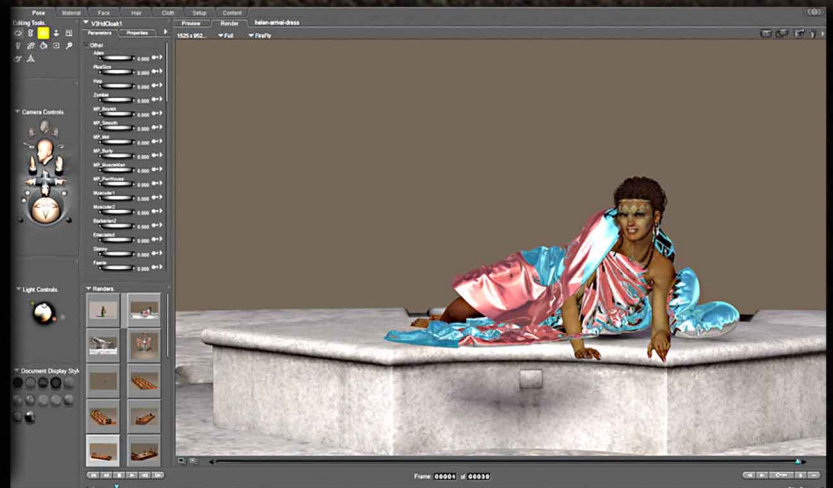
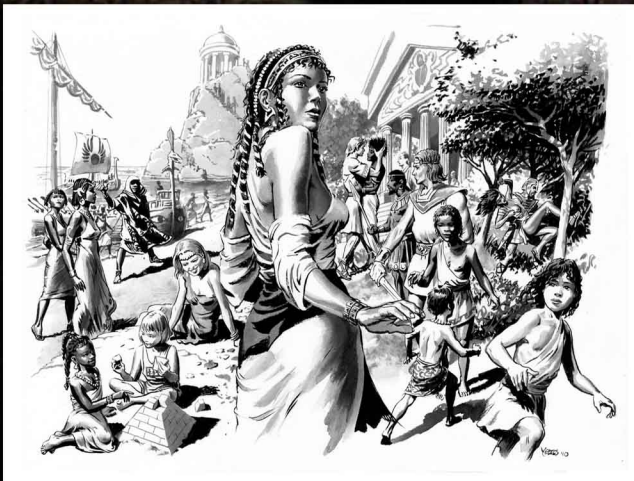
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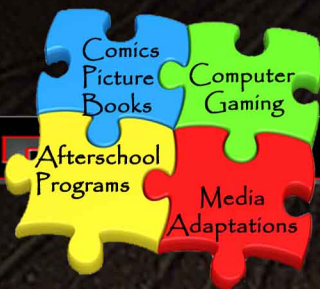
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-Comics and picture books provide the “buzz,” something to talk about.



-Comics and picture books can be computer generated or hand drawn to provide distinctively different impressions of the subjects and material.

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Computer Gaming

SELECT CAMPAIGN

Ascent of Egypt Learning Campaign

The Eye Flees
The Redemption of Set

Expansion 1 Rise of Rome

Expansion 2 Ave Caesar

Expansion 3 Pax Romana

Expansion Enemies of Rome

Glory of Greece

Birth of Ledaia
Children of Herakles

-Collaborate with Microsoft gaming division to reissue *Age of Empires* as a special addition.

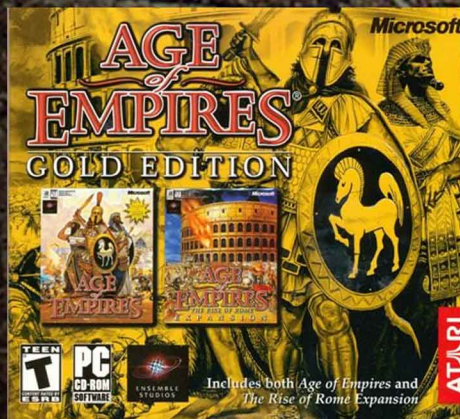
Scenarios found in the comics/picture books include:

The Eye Flees:
The Myth of Danaus

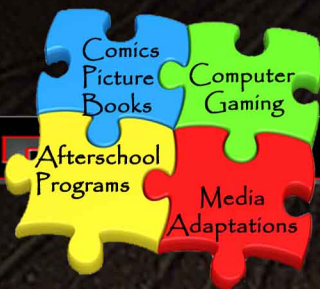
The Redemption of Set

Birth of Ledaia:
The origin of the Trojan War.

The Children of Herakles:
The capture of Sparta from native kings.



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Children's Educational Television



-Comics and picture books adapted for other media: children's television animation and film.

Addressing Cultural Appropriation

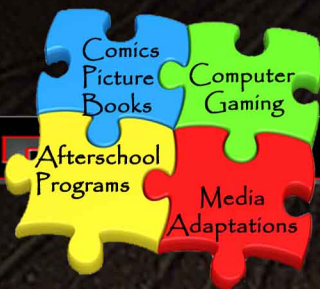
Let's offer alternatives:

Andromeda and her mother, the Queen, are shown as native; but, even though myth and legend say Athena and the King have their roots in Africa, they are nonetheless depicted as white.



Scene taken from KPIX 5
The Myth of Andromeda

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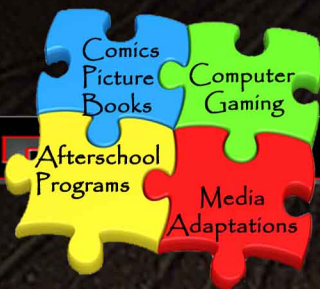
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Collaborate with "old school" comic artists like Thomas Yeates to create a compelling animation series based on Sacred Blood.



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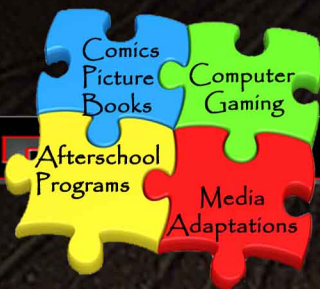
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Netflix presentation:

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The
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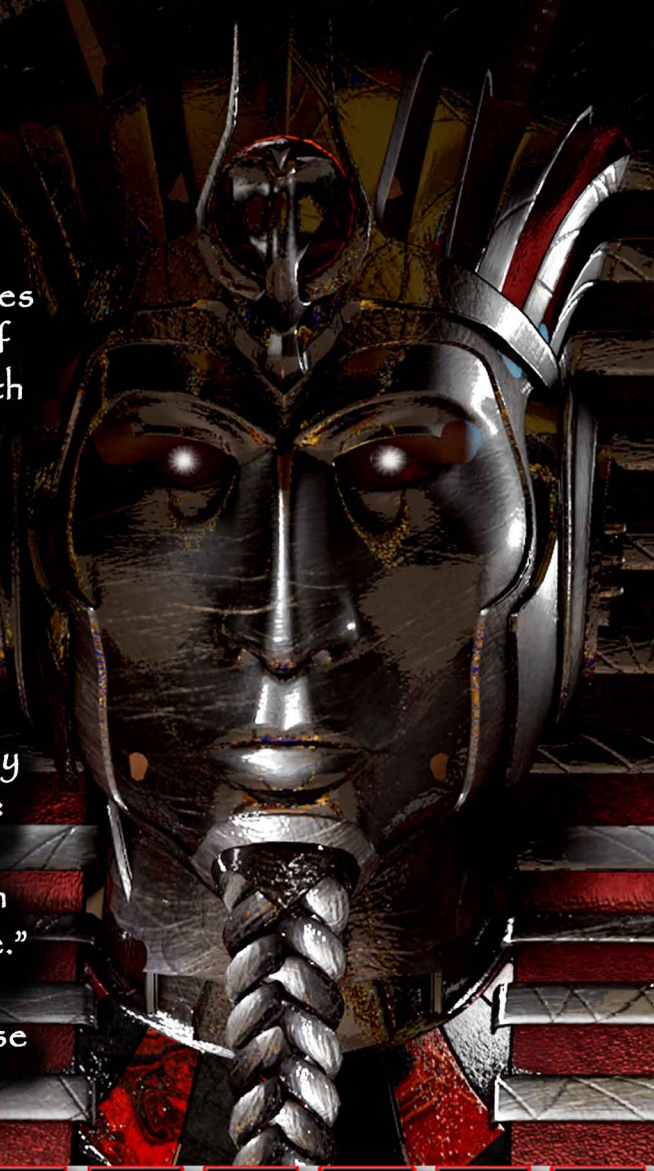
Cursed for the murder of his brother, God Set languishes in misery until his wife, Nephthys comes to redeem him. The story happens in the realm of the Gods and men; and, as she does so, the death of Osiris is retold as a love story between cult Osiris and cult Isis.

In concert with this Egyptian theme, another theme rears its ugly head; the impact African sexual practices had on the ancient world.

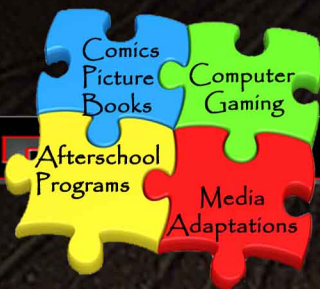
Discreetly addressed in *Sacred Blood* is an ugly truth, one I believe James Baldwin sums up best:

“The price one pays for pursuing any profession or calling is an intimate knowledge of its ugly side.”

The ugly side of this tale has to do with the abuse of women and children.



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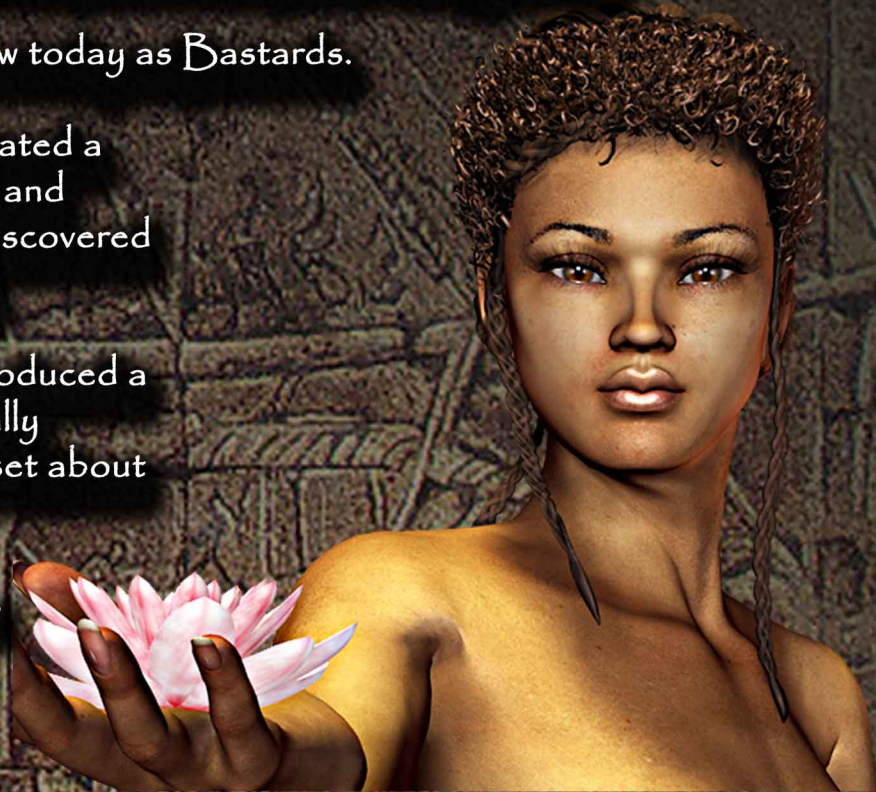
The conflict between the native Greek population and white Doric Greeks immigrating into the area reached its peak when white tribes refused to accept children born of the Orgia – a baptismal rite within the Passion of Osiris – as legitimate.

This refusal created what we know today as Bastards.

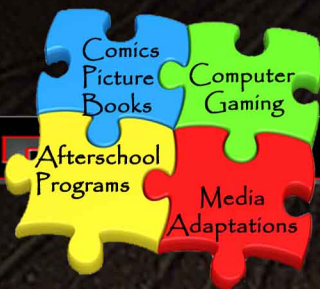
In addition, these white clans initiated a reign of terror where men, women and children were subject to rape if discovered and captured at night by Satyrs.

Over time this cruel treatment produced a large abused population that finally betrayed its native heritage and set about destroying Bronze civilization.

The story is untold and deserves exposure.



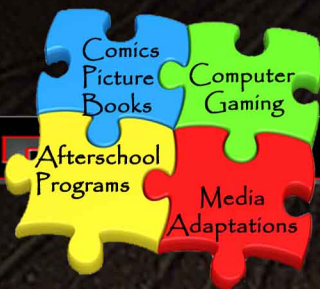
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Long-term Commitment

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Afterschool Programs



-Comics, picture books and online content provided free to participating afterschool literacy programs.

-Provide online curricula:

Gaming Workshop

Gaming and 3D Design Workshops

Gaming Ethics 101: Good Citizenship

What adults don't know is that game designers place cheat codes inside games, which allow children to cheat to win.

In Gaming without Cheats, students discover they can win using skills, tactics and strategy. Students learn that their decisions have risks, benefits, costs, outcomes and rewards depending on the quality of their decision making; and that good decision making creates good citizens.



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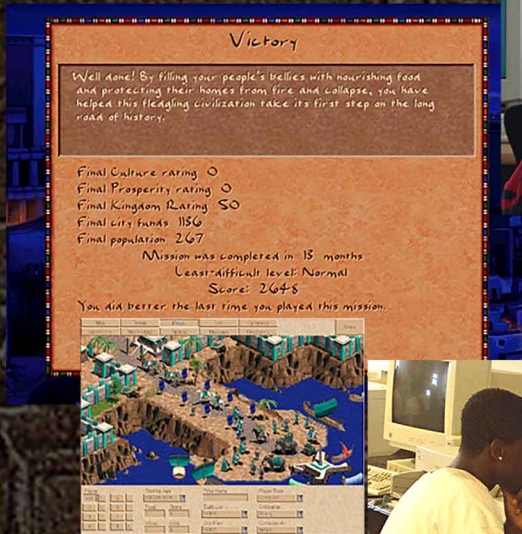


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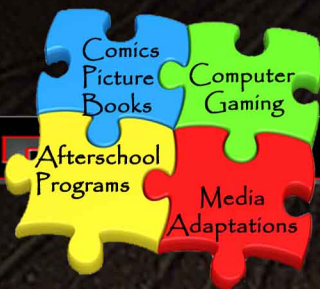
-Students don't have to learn programming before they can apply critical thinking in designing their own game scenarios.

-Situations that require students to make decisions and integrate knowledge as needed, motivates and naturally leads to inquiry.

-Given a choice and the support in what interests them, students will focus, concentrate and learn.

-Student game scenarios created in workshops from comics and picture books are placed online.

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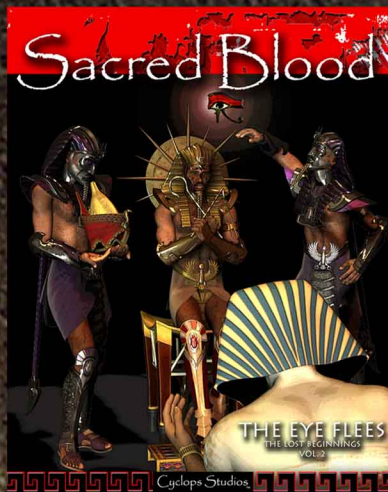
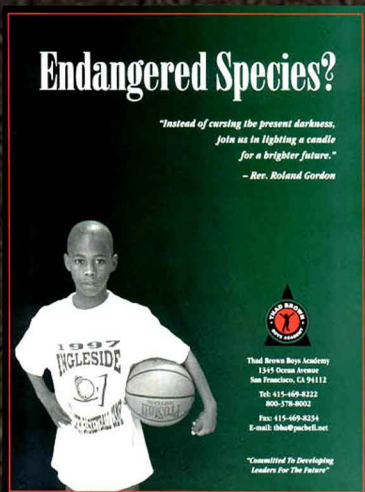


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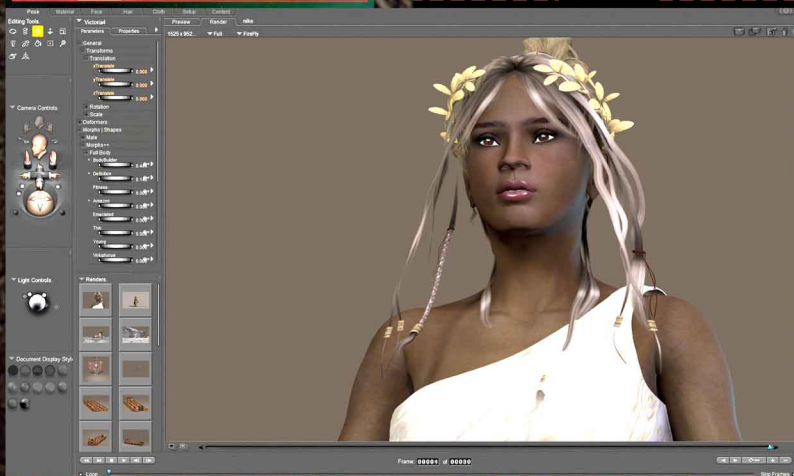
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3D Workshop

-The workshops cover character design and development using a 3D medium.

-Inexpensive software is used to dispel the fear of drawing for students who believe they can't draw.

-Those that excel in visualizing in 3 dimensions are targeted for developing higher STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics) skills.



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Changing the Trend



Employment

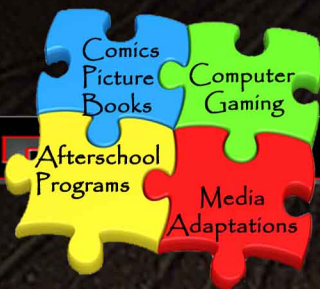
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-Provide task-oriented face-to-face interaction between nonviolent offenders and volunteer multimedia corporate staff.

-Create employment opportunities for nonviolent offenders within the multimedia industry.



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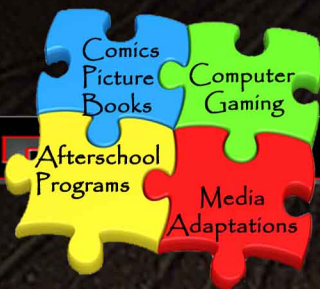
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Visualize Your Future as a Game Tester



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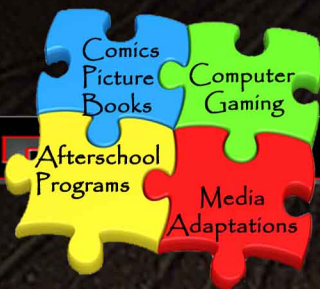
Do Black Lives Matter?

What we are experiencing in America is a massive erosion of self-esteem, across the board. Globalization has left America adrift and in crisis, with an economy that demeans large sectors of Americans. Nowhere is this more prevalent than the African-American community.

Do black lives matter? It's a question few dare to ask in our current social climate; but it's one that needs attention from not only whites, but blacks as well. Given the carnage occurring each day within the black community due to black on black crime, the question deserves serious attention – not just slogans painted on walls or protests in the streets. The question that confronts the black community is a painful one. Why are African Americans, predominately black males, choosing to commit suicide by police? This is an exceedingly tough question the black community wants to side-step and avoid.

A quote from James Baldwin is appropriate here, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." The African American community must come to grips with self-hatred and the sacrifice of human life that it entails upon the altar of self-esteem. The black community needs to re-imagine itself; and to accomplish this objective, new skill and perspectives are necessary.

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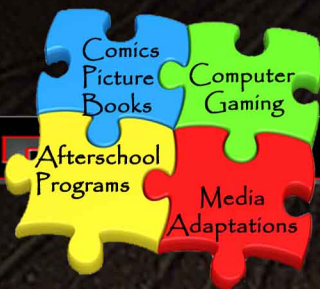
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The learning system *Sacred Blood* is designed to promote the skill necessary for re-imagining social change from an alternative perspective in the black community. The system is based on Visual Thinking Strategies and Positive Psychology as a means of raising self-esteem by becoming “makers” – people who create, invent and learn. In this age of disinformation, it uses art to encourage critical thinking and communication skills; and visual literacy to promote group problem solving.

By re-imagining black youth as makers the system hopes to support positive events and influences in their lives; thereby, raising their self-esteem through experiences of joy, satisfaction, contentment, happiness, optimism and flow. But more importantly, the objective is to strengthen character and virtue – the primary one being, temperance, since black youth are sadly in need of forgiveness, mercy, humility, prudence and self-control.

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The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kinds.

~ Dalai Lama



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