

THE DEMONSTRATION OF COURAGEOUS PRINCIPLES THROUGH INFLUENTIAL PRECEDENTS

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The nation of Canada is world-renowned for the acceptance of its multicultural society. For the vast majority of individual citizens of “The Great White North”, the uniqueness apparent within the nation are key features and are seen as beneficial avenues for change and new perspectives to be brought forth. Yet, to achieve this welcoming embrace of all people, there were indeed some tribulations that stood affront of ethnic minorities. The black community of Canada has faced obstructive challenges as a result of the superficial hate accompanied by the concept of ethnocentrism. These discrepancies and obstacles did not stop the black community, rather motivated them to work harder, to dig deeper and grasp upon the true essence of civil equality and how to achieve it; through courageous and diligent commitment to one’s dreams. The youth of modern Canada can definitely learn from the passion and achievement of the black community through their accomplishments and unselfish drive to make the world a better place. As the great Canadian sprinter Donovan Bailey stated, “Every kid needs a mentor. Everybody needs a mentor,”.

Perhaps this “mentor” Donovan speaks of isn’t a single individual, guiding the wishful party towards greatness, rather a movement; a stance or idea to increase the greater good of not only a dreamer, but also benefit many others in the society. Through careful and concise developmental criticism, one can indeed go from a mere idealist, to an influential person vouching for their hopes to become fulfilled and recognized by the majority of people. Yet, although tribulation may be faced at first, the visionary, under the wing of the “mentor”, can truly change the world.

The younger demographics of Canadian society can view the optimally efficient movement of the black community in the nation as their sense of “mentorship”. Similarly to the challenges the black community faced, young Canadians are confronted with a unique sense of tainted equality. Teenagers are given rights and privileges, yet aren’t seen as “mature” individuals responsible for creating vast social change. This degradation can surely weigh heavily in one’s heart and create the ideology that their views are not important, which is not true at all. The youth of modern day Canada should reflect upon the triumphant and revolutionary acts of the black community and how they never lost hold of their dreams of a truly equal civil nation.

There are countless examples of black Canadians who faced barriers or discrimination and vigorously crushed them with their impressive talents and mindsets. Although faced with controversy and oftentimes danger, black Canadians stood for their dreams and progressively liberated themselves of the tightening constraints of social inequality.

It is this teaching, that regardless of the cultural obstructions, regardless of the suppression brought forth by society, people always need to trust their instincts and not shake their beliefs. The adolescents in today’s society must learn that it is fine to question societal standards and challenge for social change. What might be dubbed as “deviant” may be the new cultural norm, due to extreme commitment. Change will not occur without the brave willingness and uncanny desire for a better life. The dedication attributed to the black community, for a truly equal society went unappreciated by so many for so long; now it’s time for the youth of Canada to accept the same mindset, for social change to occur and transcend life as we know.

A sturdy and powerful mentorship can truly influence one’s life, for the better. By guiding people, exposing them to the faults and the positive aspects of one’s own experiences, the possibility of greatness can be much more reasonable to achieve as viewed by the struggling. For centuries, the black community of Canada strived to fulfill true civil equality, which they achieved. The young people of Canada should indeed learn to adopt, adapt and execute the principles and dedication portrayed by the black community. True strength never parishes and always works hard.

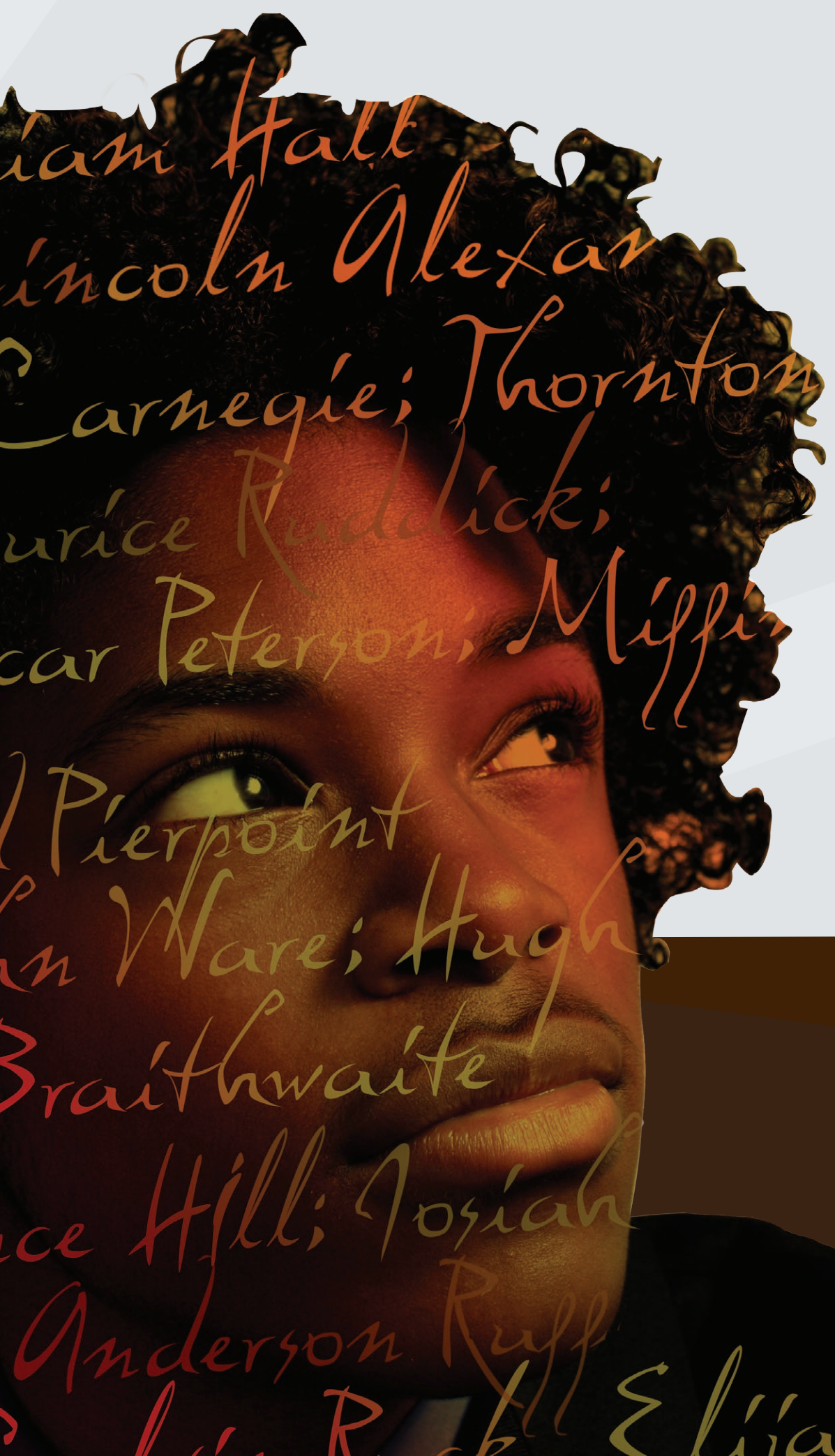
Through uncensored and open mentoring, struggles turn to triumph, and hard work to success. That is why it is absolutely essential for Canadian youth to learn from the monumental stances the black community has taken within the last 150 years, as social change is possible, with the right guidance. The future truly lays in the past, and is at the hands of our youth. By reflecting upon the principles and fierce drive for success, the black community of Canada has demonstrated that change is possible and society will progress, for the better.

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