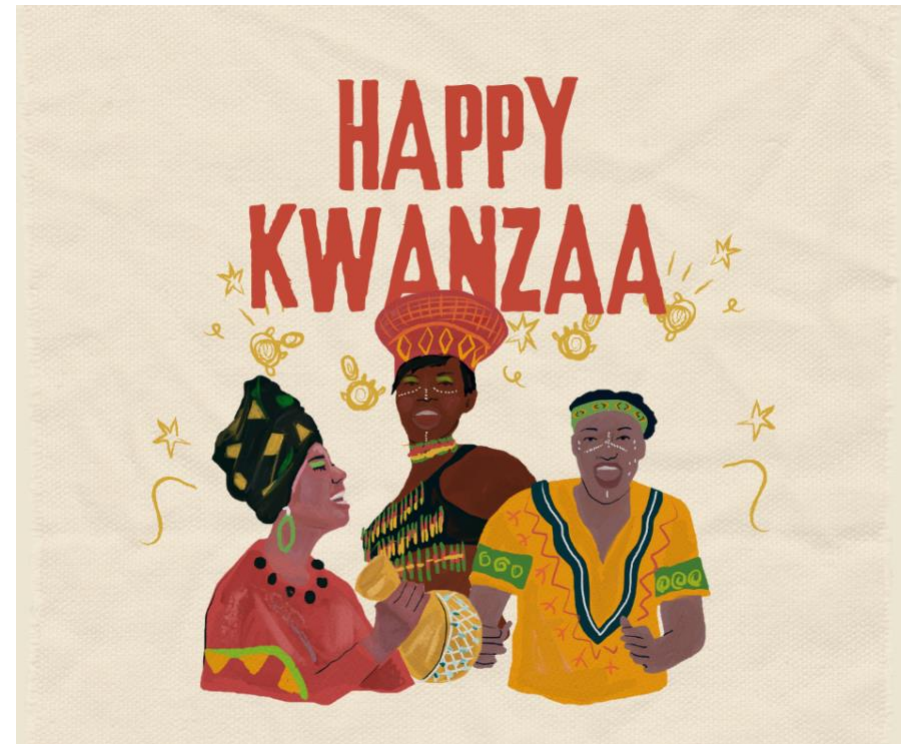
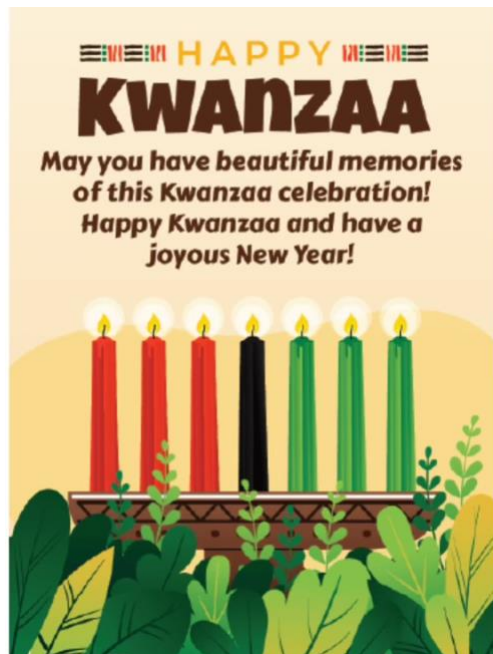


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'THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM' "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

What is Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday based on an African harvest celebration. Dr. Maulana Karenga created it in 1966 to help African-Americans learn more about their roots. Many of the words used at Kwanzaa time come Swahili – an African language. The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the Swahili word meaning first, and stands for the first fruits of the harvest.

There are seven symbols that stands for something. The first symbol is the mkeka, or placemat. Its stands for history. The kinara, or candle holder, is the heat of the Kwanzaa setting. The kinara stands for people who lived many years ago in Africa,

There are seven principles of Kwanzaa. Principles are reasons for being which are not just for African Americans but may be important to all people.

Habari Gani?

Kwanzaa Utenzi (Poem)

Kwanzaa's brings excitement to everything we do. Kinara, candles and kente cloth combine traditions old and new. We celebrate with food and drink, tell stories with the drum. Seven principles practiced each year, remind us of where we're from.

Umoja (Unity) Grandmas love of family teaches, don't spend holidays apart.

Kujichagulia (Self Determination) Our parents instill confidence, so we listen to our heart.

Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) Friends and family members give advice along the way. Encourage us when we are down, help solve problems day to day.

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) Shopkeepers work together fighting to keep our community strong.

Nia (Purpose) Neighbors and leaders always teaching right from wrong.

Kuumba (Creativity) The beauty that we see each day in our music, art, and dance.

Imani (Faith) Believing in ourselves and knowing that we always have a chance.

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