BELIZEAN HISTORY

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1. Some basic rules
2. Overview of Belizean History
3. Notebook —— 5 grades

1. respect each other
2. try to meet the high expectations of the teacher
**WHAT IS HISTORY?**

History is the study of past human interaction.

**PURPOSE of history**

Here at SJC we aim towards highlighting our varied journeys through time & space in an effort to further appreciate humanity. Deep within our diversities we also share similarities across cultures; & understanding our interaction with the environment can also promote our sustainable growth.

**Questions we always ask**

**WHEN?** [time]
we ask this question in order to identify change & continuity in human behavior.

**WHERE?** [space]
Geography is important in the study of history to have a clear understanding of the political & physical environment of the people you are studying.

**WHY?** [actions & reactions]
This question is important to the historian when he/she is formulating interpretations of human behaviors.

**WHAT IS HIS STORY?**
Get Involved + Extra Points = History CLUB
Kenya  Aimed skyward from photos atop a train, the eyes of women pierce a rooftop landscape in Nairobi's Kibera slum. The display, part of a global art project, paid tribute to women from Africa, Brazil, India, and Cambodia.

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How do we see the world? What is your perspective?
Thinking Like A Belizean Explorer

Change & Continuity
- What has changed?
- What has remained the same?

Turning Point
- How did past decisions or actions affect future choices?

Cause & Effect
- What were the causes of past events?
- What were the effects?

Using the Past
- How does the past help us make sense of the present?

Through Their Eyes
- How did people in the past view their world?
DRIVING QUESTIONS - opinion/perspective

1. When did Belizean History begin?
2. What are the foundations of Belizean History?
3. Why should we even study Belizean History?

The Amandala (UBAD, UEF) has offered that a big reason why people of color are in disarray lies in the distorted history painted by the white ancestor, which is that our brown ancestor (America) and our black ancestor (Africa) began life as conquered and enslaved peoples. Clearly this is an injustice, being piled on to the most terrible of injustices, those being genocide and slavery.

It is difficult to understand why local leaders of color, those who have “made it”, reject the teaching of African and Mayan history in our schools. It is possible that the Christian churches fear that African and Mayan history will cause them to lose members of their flock. It is possible that there are locals of color who cling for dear life to the few points of white in their veins. Or is it in the service of a narrow political agenda, why children and youth of color in a country led by people of color, are denied the truth about their brown and black ancestors?

African and Mayan history will not immediately (or of itself) solve the economic problems of brown people and black people in Belize. But it is necessary to set the foundation for development. Everyone who knows anything knows that the foundation is everything.