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Summer Of Poems

When

When will our generation young, African American teenagers realize that it's not about smoking weed, or bling-bling but realize that the world is ours instead of trying to fit in with the crowd jump and shout out loud be proud for what you believe in.

Don't join in the sins but prove to the world we care about more than just tims.

Yes we as young, African American teenagers have to learn how to survive in this world just like we had to learn to tie our shoes but we have to be taught, see far enough into our future to see ourselves having our cake and eating it too but this poem isn't about food it's about how we let people influence our natural cool our time is now when life gets tuff don't call for a foul but fight back and prove to the world that the youth won't let no one hold them down.

That young African American teenager are more powerful than they think. That brings us back to the question when?

When will we realize that it's not to late for us to pull out the win
 But ... When?

By: Samuel Seaman &
 Lisa Griffith



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MORE POEMS FROM OUR READERS

RAINBOW

Different shades of different ways pretty in their own way. Like you mean to me in away but different when you say things you don't usually say. I don't know why you act this way then you act another way. So when I say you're like a rainbow I mean it because your shades are different in a beautiful way. But not when you act that way you switch up quick on me like you're yellow but you turn green so what color are you today? Yellow, green, pink or blue?

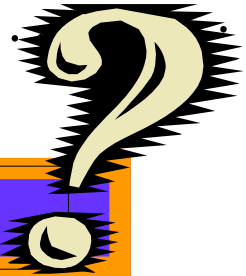
By: Kiarra (KiKi) Randell

PEACE

Peace lives on God Ave. Peace's best friend is Music. Peace's favorite clothing line is Spiritual. Peace's parents are Joyful and Glad. Peace has a girlfriend named Jazz. Peace has an older brother named Love. Peace likes to go to school. Peace goes to school of Relaxing. Yesterday Peace got in a fight with Hate. Envy and Angry joined the fight and they tried to jump Peace, but Love helped him and they won the fight. Today Peace meet up with Happy and they had a talk with Pain and Sadness, who hung around Problem and Hurt to long. With Help by Peace and Happy's side they turned Pain and Sadness into good. When Peace feels down he goes to Church for advice. Church gets Peace on his feet to keep moving. Sometimes Peace hangs out by Lake and they just have a good time together. Peace always ends his day with sunset, his little cousin.

By: Samuel Seaman

QUESTION OF THE MONTH.



Does Violence In The Media Impact Our Youth?

The Impact Of Violence In The Media

(Excerpts from a school paper written by Brittney Lawrence)

Sex, crime, drugs, gangs. These are some of the components that target the youth in our communities. All of these topics are the main focus in most of the rap and R&B music we listen to today. For instance, artist like 50 cent with verses like: *“See I’m a lair and I really don’t care, I tell the hoes what ever they want to hear...New York niggaz copy niggaz like it’s all good, f... around be crip walkin in the wrong hood.”* (50 cent)

These are not only the thing degrading women but also a whole race of people. This music impacts and persuades the younger generations around us and most of them don’t even realize the effects it has on them. The movies and music videos we watch influence the trends that we follow everyday. Not only do the images in the videos negatively, influence, the verbal message that is received from these videos are negative such as most of the lyrics in 50 cents; *Get rich or die tryin*, *“ I’ll put a hole in a nigga, fa messin wit me ...in the hood summer time is a killin season; It’s hot out side that’s a good enough reason ...I don’t want you to love me I want to f ... and just be friends.”* (50 Cent)

Not only the cursing but the violence and the sexual content in the music is acted out every day in our society with adolescence abusing themselves and others everyday.

The violence in the music that we listen to has grown excessively throughout the years. I was once inspired from music like *Knowledge is Power* to obscene, negative music like *Ryde or Die* and *Money, Cash, Hoes*. The impact of this music has gone from powerful, inspirational music with a decisive message to degrading, intolerable lyrics and superfluous cursing where the messages are all about hoes, gangbanging, and tech nines. This has to be ended. The messages and untamable lyrics heard in these songs are being emulated and memorized all the time without notice. The influential rhythms are destroying our youth.

American children show symptoms similar to those first associated with some Vietnam veterans and children living in war-torn countries: sleep disturbances, inability to concentrate, flashbacks, images of terror, and nightmares. (Taming the Beast)

Is it really necessary for the harsh violence to be depicted in so much of the music, movies, and videos?

Makes you wonder what will the future hold for our youth.



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Family Restoration Project [FRP] is committed to the restoration,
reconciliation and well being of multi-cultural urban families in the
city of Rochester. To this end we have identified a need to focus on
producing holistic social, behavioral, and educational programs for
youth between the ages of 13—21yrs.

The purpose of this newsletter is to enlighten, share, encourage, and
highlight the achievements of Rochester's Youth.

POEM FROM A YOUNG READER, TO HER MOTHER

TO THE ONE THAT LIKES ME JUST THE WAY I AM!

One day a young mother wanted a beautiful red rose in her
backyard. Every day she watered and took care of the rosebud.
Then one day that red rose she wanted came out to be a pretty pink
rose. That was not what she wanted at all, but what she found out
was that she was happy with what she had. Actually she loved
what she got and wouldn't trade an ordinary red rose for the
beautiful pink one she had right in front of her.

A message to my mom, thank you for accepting me for who I
am even though I may not have always been the perfect red rose
you always wanted.

(Name Withheld)

Final Note From The Editor...

Someone once told me that beauty is only skin deep. I in turn told
them that I was every offended by that remark thus putting out this
specific newsletter. Some people only see what they want to see
like color, race, background, gender, style, or how much money
you have. No one is given a real chance to show the person within
in the world today. So the reason for this newsletter is to show that
person and everyone like them that there is always a deeper part to
someone you just need to give them a chance to show it.

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