

PE-115: BLACK SURFING HISTORY & SURFING For BLACK PEOPLE 1A

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LET'S GOOOOOOOOO!!

THIS ISN'T JUST A CLASS—IT'S A MOVEMENT! WE'RE ABOUT TO BREAK DOWN THE TRUTH ABOUT BLACK SURFERS, FROM THE MOTHERLAND TO MODERN-DAY WAVE WARRIORS. Y'ALL READY? BECAUSE FOR 12 WEEKS, WE'RE DIVING DEEP INTO THE REAL HISTORY, THE CULTURE, THE IMPACT, AND OF COURSE... HITTING THE WAVES!

COACH RHO IS HERE TO TEACH US ABOUT WHEN WE HIT THE WATER AND HOW WE'VE BEEN MAKING GLOBAL WAVES!

CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- ☒ **THE REAL BLACK SURFING HISTORY**
- ☒ **AFRICAN AQUATIC TRADITIONS**
- ☒ **SEGREGATION, RESISTANCE & THE FIGHT FOR OUR BEACHES**
- ☒ **MODERN BLACK SURF MOVEMENTS**
- ☒ **SURFING FUNDAMENTALS (PADDLE, POP-UP, BALANCE—GET READY!)**
- ☒ **OCEAN SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**
- ☒ **BLACK SURFERS IN MEDIA & DIGITAL STORYTELLING**

12-WEEK SYLLABUS

WEEK 1-2: AFRICAN WAVE RIDERS

- AFRICAN WATER TRADITIONS (SENEGAL, GHANA, ANGOLA & MORE)**
- THE FIRST SURFERS WEREN'T WHITE. PERIOD.**
- DISCUSSION: ENDLESS SUMMER – BRUCE BROWN**

- **READINGS: CHOLOS & SURFERS**
- **LIL STEVIE WONDER’S DEBUT IN MUSCLE BEACH PARTY**
- **HOMEWORK: ENDLESS SUMMER**

WEEK 3-4: HOW THEY TRIED TO ERASE US

- **COLONIALISM & THE ERASURE OF BLACK SURFERS**
- **JIM CROW, APARTHEID & BEACH SEGREGATION—HOW WE FOUGHT BACK**
- **READINGS: NAUTICAL NEGRO – BRIAN B JAMES**
- **MOVIE: OTELO BURNING**

WEEK 5-6: BLACK SURF RENAISSANCE

- **BLACK SURF COLLECTIVES & ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE**
- **GUEST SPEAKER: RHONDA HARPER, FOUNDER OF BLACK GIRLS SURF**
- **READING: IN THE BREAK BY JACK LOPEZ**
- **MOVIE: SURFING FAVELA**

WEEK 7-8: SURFING 101

- **PADDLING, WAVE SELECTION, BALANCE, AND POP-UP TECHNIQUES**
- **SURF GEAR & BOARD BREAKDOWN**
- **HANDS-ON SURF TRAINING AT N’GOR BEACH**

WEEK 9-10: SURFING & SOCIAL CHANGE

- **SURF THERAPY, MENTAL HEALTH, AND EMPOWERING YOUTH**
- **BLACK SURFERS LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM**
- **FILM SCREENING: HULU’S YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: FEATURING RHONDA HARPER**

WEEK 11-12: MEDIA REPRESENTATION & FINAL PROJECT

- **HOW THE MEDIA PORTRAYS (OR IGNORES) BLACK SURFERS**
- **INFLUENCERS VS. ATHLETES: THE FALL OF SPONSORSHIP**
- **FINAL PROJECT: DIGITAL STORYTELLING – CREATE YOUR OWN SURF DOCUMENTARY, PHOTO ESSAY, OR BLOG POST**
- **FILM SCREENING: EMERGER**

GRADING (YEAH, YOU GOTTA PUT IN WORK!)

- 🌊 **20% PARTICIPATION (CLASS DISCUSSIONS, SURF SESSIONS, AND SHOWING UP!)**
- 🌊 **15% WEEKLY REFLECTIONS (YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT WE LEARN & EXPERIENCE)**
- 🌊 **20% MIDTERM ESSAY (BREAK DOWN BLACK SURF HISTORY & MODERN MOVEMENTS)**
- 🌊 **25% DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT (TELL A STORY—YOUR OWN OR ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD!)**
- 🌊 **20% FINAL SURF ASSESSMENT (SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN THE WATER!)**

EXTRAS

- 🌊 **FIELD TRIP: SURF TRAINING AT N'GOR ISLAND, SENEGAL OR SANTA CRUZ, CA**
- 🌊 **GUEST SPEAKERS: PRO-BLACK SURFERS, HISTORIANS & CONSERVATIONISTS**
- 🌊 **COMMUNITY COLLAB: WORKING WITH LOCAL SURF SCHOOLS & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

THIS ISN'T JUST A CLASS—IT'S A CALL TO ACTION!

WE'RE RECLAIMING OUR SPACE IN THE WATER, BUILDING COMMUNITY, AND MAKING SURE THE NEXT GENERATION KNOWS WE'VE BEEN HERE.

Y'ALL READY TO RIDE THIS WAVE? LET'S GOOOOOOOO!!!

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