Building a Better Society: Nguso Saba

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NGUSO SABA
Nguso Saba, the seven principles on which Afrikan society exists was created by Brother Maulana Ron Karenga. After studying culture of the homeland (Afrika) and here in America, he came up with seven necessary principles for Black people.

1. **NIA** (nyaa - ah) - Purpose
2. **UJAMAA** (oo - jah - mah) - Cooperative economics
3. **UJIMA** (oo - jee - mah) - Collective work & responsibility
4. **IMANI** (ee - mah - nee) - Faith
5. **KUJICHAGULIA** (coo - jee - dla - goo - lee - ah) - Self-determination
6. **KUUMBA** (koo - oom - bah) - Creativity
7. **UMOJA** (oo - moh - jah) - Unity
Sister Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary’s purpose in life was to give Black people a chance to a good education and a good way of life. She started both a school and hospital, and received many awards for her work.

NIA stands for Purpose

Purpose - The reason why we do something to reach a certain goal.
Brother George Washington Carver

Brother Carver worked hard. He was a smart scientist and gave southern farmers a crop they could use other than cotton. This crop (peanuts) would keep their land good. He then invented over 200 uses for the peanuts so that the farmers could live off of what they raised.

UJAMAA stands for Cooperative Economics
Cooperative Economics is sharing what you have with other brothers and sisters.
UJIMA stands for Collective work and Responsibility

Collective work and Responsibility means we can get more if we work together and take care of one another.

Brother Booker T. Washington

Booker T. went to school and studied hard so that he could help our people. He opened a school where the students shared materials and knowledge, and by working together were able to build their own buildings. He taught Black people the importance of knowing a trade and teaching it to another brother or sister.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in God and man. Because of his faith he led the masses of Black people to demand their civil rights even in the face of death.

IMANI stands for Faith

Faith means to trust and believe in things yet to come.
Brother Frederick Douglas

Frederick Douglas was a great speaker for Black people and against slavery. He worked for self-determination of Black people, the right to be FREE.

KUJICHAGULIA stands for self-determination.
Self-determination is the right to be what you want to be.
Paul, as a young man, wrote poems while working as an elevator operator. His creativity brought words to life, as he talked about the lives of Black people in his poems.

KUUMBA stands for Creativity

Creativity is using your imagination (mind) to make your own beautiful things.
Brother Malcolm X

Malcolm was a strong religious Black leader. He brought Black people together so we could get what was ours, and taught us all the meaning of Black power and Black Pride.

UMOJA stands for Unity

Unity means to be as one. United we stand divided we fall. All Black people join hands, we can achieve it all.
NOW DRAW AND COLOR YOUR OWN HERO.