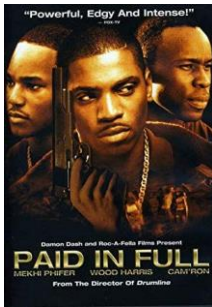


Why Seeing Yourself Represented on Screen Is So Important

A. BEFORE you read the article.

1. Look at the title and try to answer the question it raises. To help you, consider the following elements:

a. Think of the representation of black people in the media. Roles played by young black men in films or series? Roles given to young black women / to older black women? Stereotypes conveyed by sports and music?



b. Imagine the impact this may have on the general audience.

c. Imagine the impact and consequences this may have for the black community.

2. With the following key words from the article, anticipate what you are about to read.

- exclusion – the norm – in Hollywood
- Black Panther – all-black cast – fantastic representation – hungry audiences – underrepresented in mass media
- representation – powerful educational impact
- black males – usually portrayed negatively – audiences – equate – media representation – real world

- black males themselves – impact – self-esteem – racial stereotypes.

3. Decide which sentence probably best sums up the article:

- Today, black people are well represented in the media. There are enough black heroes in series and movies. For example, the movie *Black Panther*, has been helping boosting black people's self-esteem.
- There are too few positive representations of black people in media, which has a negative impact on the way black people are perceived and perceive themselves. *Black Panther* is only an exception.

B. NOW READ the article, check your guesses and...

- List all the positive elements connected to the movie *Black Panther*.
 - Black Panther* is the norm. / an exception. Prove it!
 - Impact(s) the movie will have on people?

2. a. What do studies say about media representation?

b. List the consequences the negative representation of black males in media may have in real life.

c. This negative image *affects* / *doesn't affect* black people themselves.

d. Quote some examples of bad representations of black people in media.

C. In your own words, get ready to orally recap the article for the other group.

