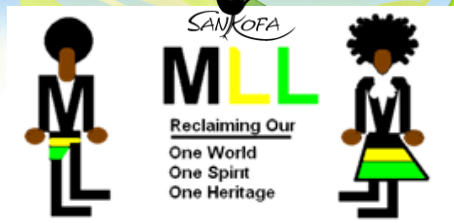


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Greetings! Hamjambo! What's Up!
Welcome to the **November** Monthly Newsletter!

Happy November! I hope you are all well. So much is happening right now. In the US, we just went through the presidential election and we have a new president Joe Biden and vice president Kamala Harris. Kamala Harris just made history on 2 counts: by being the first woman and the first person of color to ever hold the position of vice president in the US. Congratulations to her!

I am excited to share this newsletter with you because this month, in addition to all the fun and interesting *aftronaut-y* stuff we cover, we have added an ALL NEW comic book story called "Far Into The Future". It is about Dr. Azania Tanzania, Dr. Marcus, Adwoa Shaka and a host of other intrepid characters. It was written and illustrated by the Nembhard family. We hope you enjoy it! Each month we will add the next bit of the story and hope you follow along with us.

WE NEED MORE AFRONAUT CONTENT!!

Are you a budding writer, photographer, artist, mathematician, farmer, etc? Would you like to see your story, picture, art, joke, riddle featured in the Newsletter? Well, you're in plenty of luck because that is exactly what this space is for – YOU! So, go ahead and send in anything you'd like to publish to maroonlifelearning@gmail.com

As always, Peace and Blessings to all of you!
Afronauts Rule!!

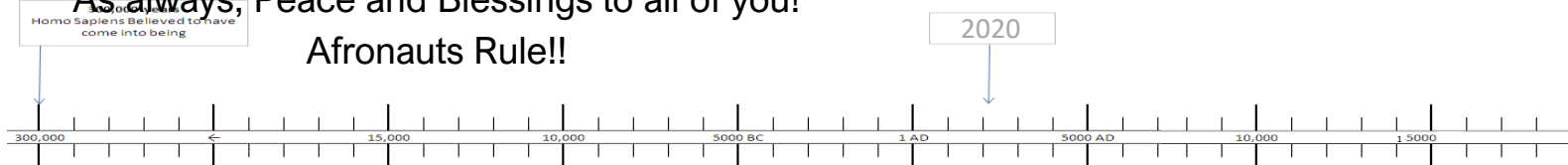
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Taking time to look out at **The Night Sky**

Imagine what life was like before there was electricity.

Has your electricity ever gone out at night and turned off all of the gadgets and lights? That has happened to me several times and I quite enjoyed the time. A silence immediately falls around you and everything feels still and calm. You almost want to speak in a whisper. And if you go outside and the moon is out, you realize just how bright the moon actually is when all the city lights are out.

And if it is a new moon, then you realize how many stars you can see in the sky. I often wonder what life was like when our ancient African ancestors were mapping the sky. I imagine, I would have been there sitting looking up at the sky and calling all the constellations by name. And, then I shake myself and remind myself that I can do that right now. I just have to go outside and look up at the sky. In fact, that is an activity we can all do every night. It's free and open to all of us. It is a part of living on earth.

*Look Up
At the Stars*

By Njeri
Nembhard

Have you ever seen the constellation commonly known as "The Seven Sisters", "The Pleiades" or "Messier 45" in the night sky? In the ancient Kemet what are called the Pleiades today were seen as a female goddess most often recognized as Nebt Het, the "divine mother", or Het Heru, who took on the form of a cow (who carried the seeds of life). The stars, that from earth look like seven goddesses, represented by seven cows, composed the celestial herd that provides the nourishment to her worshippers. For many ancient populations, Pleiades were relevant stars and their rising was marked as a special time of the year.

As you can see from the image here, it is speculated that the Kemetians placed the great pyramids to reflect the waist of Ausar as he traversed the night sky. Today, that constellation of Ausar is called Orion after the Greek giant who is chasing the 7 sisters and the 3 stars are known as Orion's belt.

This Month you can see the Pleiades Star system rising just before dawn

The
7 goddesses

**Names for Messier 45
in other Cultures
around the world**

MUL (Ancient Babylon)

Krittika (Hindi) Parvin(Persia)

Makali'i (Hawaii) Mutsuraboshi (Japan)

The Seven Goddesses The Pleiades (Greek)
Matariki (Maori)

Reality Check

From earth, we only see a handful of stars, but in reality, Messier 45 is a "star cluster" that consists of thousands of stars! These are only visible with a powerful telescope.



October 2020 Events



People Doing Amazing Things in The World!

November 15, 2020 @3pm EST



Dr. Alexandra Jones is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Archaeology in the Community.

She teaches people of all ages about archaeology. Dr. Jones worked for PBS's television show Time Team America as the Archaeology Field School Director, where she directed field schools for junior high and high school students at each of the sites for the 2013 season. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Baltimore City Community College and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore

Come and hear her amazing story!

Register @ <https://maroonlifelearning.com/november-2020-afronaut-club-activities/>



Let's Make Art Together!

**Sunday, November 29, 2020
@ 3pm EST Online**

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The Haitian Revolution that began in 1791 was a momentous event inspired enslaved Africans throughout the Americas to fight for and win their own freedom.

OurStory



8 Amazing Facts About The Haitian Revolution



The Battle Of Vertières in November 1803

- 1 In April of 1791 10,000 to 15,000 enslaved Africans in Haiti rose in rebellion.
- 2 The revolt lasted for about 12 ½ years – April 1791 to November 1803.
- 3 The last Battle was fought in a place called Vertières. The Battle of Vertières was where the enslaved Africans decisively won the revolt.
- 4 In order to defeat the rebelling Africans, the French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, prepared the largest expedition to ever cross the Atlantic which consisted of the best officers and generals of the French Army, backed up by 20,000 veteran troops and a fleet of 86 ships. But, the firm determination of the African fighters to never be slaves again gave them the ultimate victory.



- 5 Haiti was the first country to completely abolish the transatlantic slave trade and slavery itself.

Who Were The Leaders?

**The leaders of the revolution were
Toussaint L'Ouverture, Jean-Jacques
Dessalines and Dutty Boukman**

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"I was born a slave, but nature gave me the soul of a free man."
~ Toussaint L'ouverture.

As a revolutionary leader, Louverture's military and political acumen helped transform the fledgling slave rebellion into a revolutionary movement. Louverture is now known as the "Father of Haiti".

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"We have dared to be free. Let us dare to be so by ourselves and for ourselves." ~ Jean-Jacques Dessalines.
Jean-Jacques Dessalines is regarded as one of the founding fathers of Haiti. He was a leader of the Haitian Revolution and the first ruler of an independent Haiti under the 1805 constitution. Under Dessalines, Haiti became the first country to permanently abolish slavery. Initially regarded as governor-general, Dessalines was later named Emperor of Haiti as Jacques I (1804–1806) by generals of the Haitian Revolution Army and ruled in that capacity until being assassinated in 1806.

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"The Good Lord who created the sun which gives us light from above, who rouses the sea and makes the thunder roar—listen well, all of you—this god, hidden in the clouds, watches us. He sees all that the white people do. The god of the white people demands from them crimes; our god asks for good deeds. But this god who is so good demands vengeance! He will direct our hands; he will aid us. Throw away the image of the god of the whites who thirsts for our tears, and listen to the voice of liberty which speaks in the hearts of all of us." ~ Dutty Boukman

Dutty Boukman was the charismatic rebel leader who inspired the Haitian Revolution by bringing together thousands of enslaved Africans in a series planning meetings. Here he and a priestess named alongside Cécile Fatiman, planned and launched the first stages of the revolution.

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Teens

Chad Thomas aka Afronaut Hannibal

Money Advice for Teens



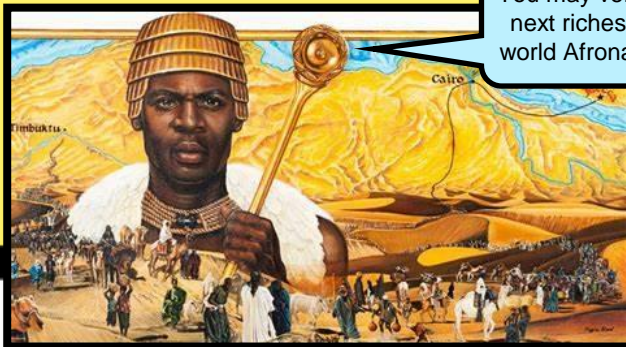
Hi, my name is Afronaut Hannibal or Chad Thomas and I am 16 years old. Greetings Friends of the Afronaut Club!

If you google "richest people in the world" you will discover the following individuals: Jeff Bezos (\$190 billion), Bill Gates (\$120 billion), Mark Zuckerberg (\$100 billion), Bernard Arnault & family (\$81.4 billion) Mukesh Ambani (\$80.3 billion) Steve Ballmer (77.7 billion), Warren Buffett (\$77.5 billion) and Larry Page at \$71.6 billion dollars respectively. There is a noticeable pattern; there is a small percentage of the worlds population that contains most of the wealth. We will talk about the details in the future.

However, this week, I want to highlight someone who's name may not be widely known but is of great importance. As you accompany me on my financial journey, I want to shed light on the richest man in history, Mansa Musa. Mansa means emperor so Mansa Musa means Emperor Musa. He is believed to be the grandson of Sundiata, the founder of the dynasty. He captured the neighbouring kingdom of Songhai and elevated the city of Timbuktu to be an important trading and learning center in North Africa. Mansa Musa was born in 1280 BC. He was the Mansa (king) of the Malian empire and he ruled for 25 years. He was a devout Muslim and he made a pilgrimage to Mecca across northern Africa and the middle east. He was accompanied by over 60,000 men. During his journey he gave gold to poor people he met. It also said he built a mosque every Friday.

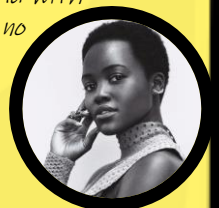
His net worth was \$418 billion. He was the largest producer of gold in the world and is considered one of the wealthiest historical figures. Some commentators don't believe there is a way to quantify his wealth. Nevertheless, what he was able to do is still remarkable. He inspires me because it must've taken insane ambition in order to accumulate that much wealth. This ambition can be applied to other aspects of my life such as helping others, basketball and academics. Mansa Musa is a legend.

If I had Mansa Musa's wealth I would look to solve many problems in the world. Problems such as world hunger and homelessness would be ended. I would also buy my mother a house and a car anywhere she wants. Lastly I would spoil myself by buying a house a nice car and a bunch of clothes. The rest which should be a lot would be saved and donated to organizations around the world.



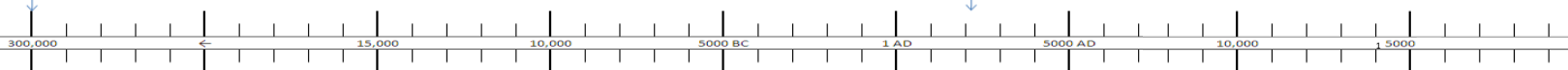
You may very well be the next richest man in the world Afronaut Hannibal!

Imagine a world with no hunger and no homelessness.



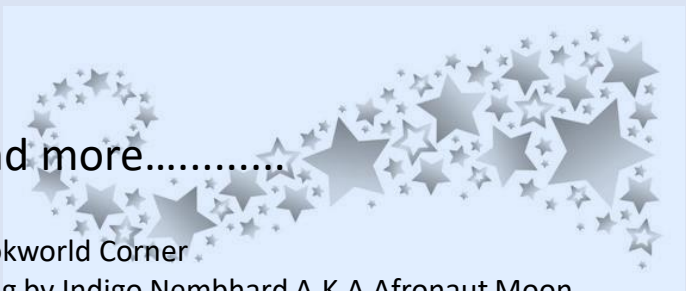
300,000 years
Homo Sapiens Believed to have
come into being

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Afronaut Moon's Facets of the Bookworld Corner

- a column about books and reading by Indigo Nembhard A.K.A Afronaut Moon

Greetings Afronauts! Here is the 2nd part to the story I started in the October Issue. If you have not read the 1st part you may not get the entire story, so I'd suggest reading the first part first.

The Hall of Sankofa. Patterned off of Ancient Egyptian buildings, Pillars held up the huge vaulted ceiling topped with a skylight that light up the millions of hieroglyphs written all over the walls and even the pillars themselves. It would be her graduation project to read the entire thing. She remembered from looking at the manifesto on their website. In the middle of the room was a smaller replica of the sphinx. Resting between its paws was a curved sand colored desk at which a slender man, maybe in his early thirties sat in floating leather lounge chair. He looked up as the merry group came over, taking them in over his circle glasses in amusement. "Ah," He said voice laced with humor. "So this is the famous Levina that I have been hearing about from Sura all month." Lev suddenly shy nodded, ducking her head slightly.

"Let's get you set up." Waving a gloved hand a huge hologram screen formed in front of him. He tapped the screen as Lev tried to read it from the back but everything was backward, like words in a mirror and distorted for privacy's sake.

"Alright." The man said waving a hand to dissipate the screen as he stood, taking off his glasses, letting them hung on the sparkly ropes attached to their sides.

"Come along," He said in a rousing voice. He walked towards the wall then in tow,

"Here's the fun part." Timar whispered into Lev's ear. Reaching out the man pressed the body of one of the people carved into the rock. There was a clicking sound as the body sunk leaving behind a door knob. Pulling it open the door swung inwards silently. The room seemed dark beyond. Lev's interest peaked as they all walked towards it a kind of hushed reverence coming over the others. Into the room they descended. Lev realized that the room was not in fact dark. The ceiling was covered with little glowing purple twinkling like stars, while the wall were covered in zentangle designs also glowing deep violet. It lit up the seven shelves filled with the precious black robes that Lev had long dreamed of wearing. Each had a name clipped onto it. Lev searched for her name finding it second from the top of the fourth, just as their guide reached it and pulled them from their cubby bringing them over to her. He let them unfurl and held them against her. He beamed at her.

"Perfect. This will be your uniform for the next little while, before you grow out, then we'll replace it with a new one." Lev grinned and nodded rapidly glowing happiness filling her.

"Thank You! Thank You!" She babbled. The man looked pleased. His gaze shift to Nyan.

"You can help her get set up, can't you?" Nyan nodded silently but joy lit up his eyes. The man then looked to the others.

"The rest of you will see her later after her orientation. Off you go, you still have studies." Complaints and groans followed this statement but they allowed him to herd them out of the room, calling out promises to see her later. Then it was just her and Nyan.

"Come. Let's get started." He said. Lev smiled at her brother

"Lead the way." He walked across the room, robes sweeping around his legs as he moved making him look quite scholarly. He pressed one of the cubes that made up the zentangle design and pushed. The door opened bringing with it the sound of voices, footsteps, and machinery. He gave her his trademark lopsided smile.

"Welcome to Afronaut HQ!" Lev stepped out from the room, robes held tightly in her hand and took in the brightly lit auditorium full of robed people of all ages, and the multiple balconies of other levels also filled with robed figures. Lights bobbed throughout the area as well as display screens with multiple messages. Many students held books and hover pens, but a few held thick ancient-looking tomes that Lev itched to hold. The marble walls and floors glowed and reflected those walking by or leaning nearby giving the appearance that there more people in the room, more than the already huge number of robed figures in the room already. Oh, it was a welcome indeed. Lev thought in awe as her wide eyes drank in everything they could. And I'm a part of it. It was a settling realization, stirring excitement within her chest. She couldn't wait to get started. She turned to Nyan and opened her mouth.

THE END

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Art
Story
Photos
Experiments
Jokes
Riddles
Doodles
Puzzles
Here

The Best
Things
in Life
Are Shared!



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Far in the future, when humans no longer live on earth, but now travel in space to different planets far away from the earth's solar system. A space ship hovers over a gray planet.



WHAT HAVE WE HERE? I DETECT MINOR DISTURBANCES IN THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE ON AISHA. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO MAKE A TRIP TO THAT MOON.



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9 Amazing Benefits of Becoming An Afronaut?

Monthly Newsletters – Afronauts can submit articles, jokes, puzzles etc.

Joint research projects that benefit the community

Story Time – Listen to ancient and current African stories

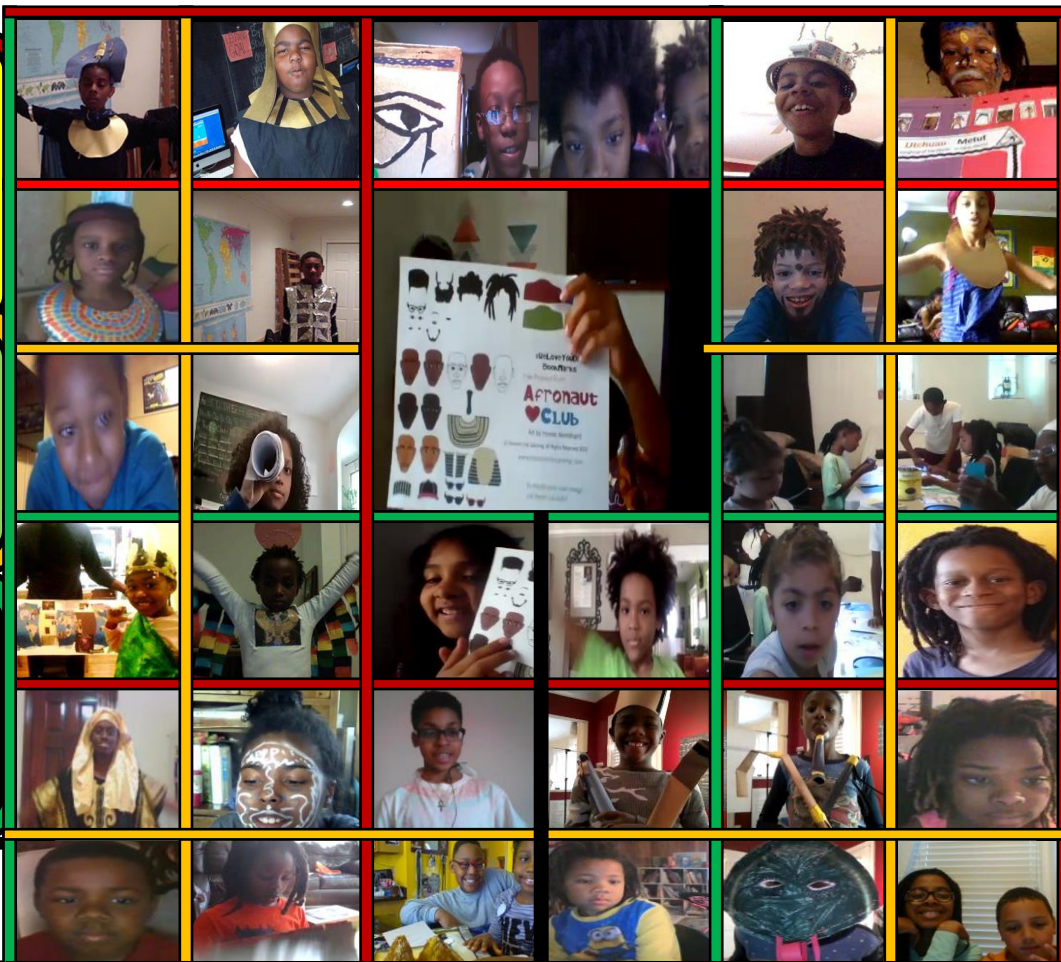
Friendly Competitions

Interviews with members of the global Africa community who are doing interesting things. See this month's speakers here!

Somewhere to share your talents and ideas

Afronaut
♥ CLUB

Arts & Crafts – learn or participate in creating exciting arts & crafts



The Afronaut Club is a space where families can find **interesting**, **fun**, **family-friendly**, **globally-oriented**, **African-centered** activities. All affordably available to you online. In this space we focus not just on the amazing past, but also on imagining and creating a great future where our varied global perspectives and experiences are celebrated.

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