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for

Excellence in African Nova Scotian History



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The African Nova Scotian History Challenges



The African Nova Scotian History Challenges are open to all students from every school in the province.

The Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute (DBDLI) Awards for Excellence in African Nova Scotian History are presented to students whose submissions to the Challenges best exemplify the contributions that African Nova Scotians have made to the history, heritage and culture of our province. Bursaries totaling **\$3,000.00**, gifts and prizes will be presented to DBDLI Award recipients at a ceremony on February 26, 2016. His Honour, Brigadier-General the Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret’d), Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, will present the top prize. **Details inside.**

The African Nova Scotian History Challenges are an initiative of the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute and various partners in education from across the province. The DBDLI Awards encourage discussion about African Nova Scotian history in our schools and communities. The Awards promote a better understanding of African Nova Scotians/African Canadians by highlighting their history, heritage, and contributions to society.



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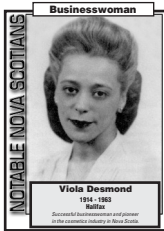
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Challenge #1: Class/Group Project – Prepare a TV News Report

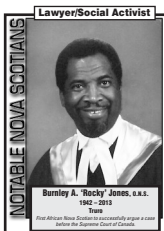
You are the reporting team sent to cover breaking news. Produce and submit a video news report about one of the following events. Be sure to cover the basic reporter's questions of who, what, where, when, and why. Include “interviews” and “eye-witness” accounts with your report. Why is the event significant? What is its aftermath?



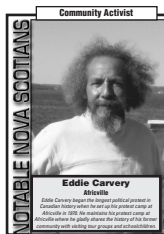
- Viola Desmond is arrested after refusing to give up her seat in the whites-only section of a movie theatre in New Glasgow. She is thrown in jail for the night and fined for defrauding the government of a one-cent amusement tax.



- Kirk Johnson was repeatedly pulled over by the police while driving in Halifax. In 2003, he filed a human rights complaint against the Halifax Regional Police Force for racial profiling. The Human Rights Commission Board of Inquiry awarded him monetary compensation and the HRM Police Force was ordered to initiate anti-racism and diversity training.



- Burnley 'Rocky' Jones was once labeled a “dangerous radical” by the RCMP because, among other things, he invited members of the Black Panthers to Nova Scotia. In 1993, he becomes the first African Nova Scotian to successfully argue a case before the Supreme Court of Canada.



- City officials threaten to have Eddie Carvery arrested when he sets up his protest camp at Africville. Despite the threat, he begins the longest continuous protest in Canadian history.

Alternative for individual entries: The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission “Report on Consumer Racial Profiling in Nova Scotia” concludes that racial profiling is part of the systemic racism that exists in the province. What incidents of discrimination are you aware of in Nova Scotia today? Prepare a newspaper report about one incident and what people are doing to take action.

Challenge #2: African Nova Scotian Communities

Choose one Black community or settlement that was founded in Nova Scotia in the 1800s. Research its history. Write a short essay or create a visual display that explains its history.

Alternative: Senior citizens can be an important source of a community's history. They can recount events from their own lives and pass along stories and traditions handed down to them from previous generations. Interview an African Nova Scotian elder from your family or your community. Recount the changes they have seen to their community during their lifetime.



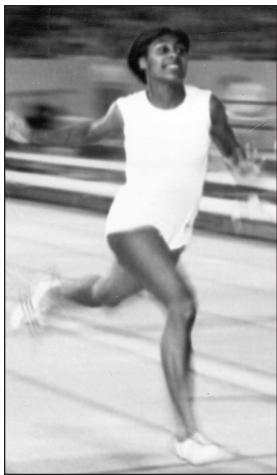
Challenge #3: Write about a Notable Nova Scotian

African Nova Scotians have made important contributions to the political, social and cultural life of our province and our country. They have served with distinction in various military conflicts; they have captivated audiences with their poetry, acting, singing and writing; and they have been pioneers in every profession. Write a short essay about an African Nova Scotian describing why you think their achievements warrants the designation “Notable Nova Scotian”.



Alternative: The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour awarded by the province. Since its inception, there have been eight African Nova Scotians awarded the Order. Only six appointments can be made to the Order of Nova Scotia each year. If a sixth recipient is chosen, that recipient must be between the ages of 16 – 25 years. What African Nova Scotian between the ages of 16 – 25 would you nominate for the Order of Nova Scotia? Explain the reason for your nomination.

Challenge #4: Top 10 African Nova Scotian Sports Heroes



African Nova Scotians have a long history of excellence in sports. They have been ambassadors for their communities, and have represented our province and our country with honour. Some have made sports history. Who would be on your list of African Nova Scotian all-time sports heroes and why? Send us your Top 10 list. Include a brief summary for each person and explain the significance of their achievement.



Alternative: Top 10 African Nova Scotian Artists. African Nova Scotians have a long history of excellence in the arts. They are poets, painters, singers, dancers, writers, musicians, filmmakers and actors. Who would be on your list of African Nova Scotian all-time artists, past or present, in any of the Arts, in any genre. Send us your Top 10 list. Include a brief summary for each person and explain why they made your list.

Challenge #5: Short Story or Illustration

Write a short story about a day in the life of a Black Loyalist, a Black Refugee or a Maroon in Nova Scotia. What are your fears, hopes and aspirations? Where did you come from? Where did you settle? How did you survive? How is your life different since settling in Nova Scotia?

Alternative: Draw, illustrate or paint a picture depicting a day in the life of a Black Loyalist, a Black Refugee or a Maroon in Nova Scotia.

Challenge #6: Express Yourself



People of African descent remember and honour Africa through their language, art, music, dance, and fashions. Their influence has helped define and shape culture in North America. Submit a poem, song, performance, artwork, story, dance or any other example of culture that has been influenced by people of African descent. All original entries accepted.





General Rules: The African Nova Scotian History Challenges are open to all students and classes from all schools in Nova Scotia. Students may submit one entry to each of the Challenges. Teachers are invited to submit class entries. DBDLI Awards will be presented solely at the discretion of the Judging Committee and the Judging Committee's decisions will be deemed final. DBDLI Awards include cash bursaries ranging from \$50.00 to \$250.00 each. The Judging Committee may award one top prize and one or more runners-up prizes for each Challenge. Judges will consider content, grade level, creativity and presentation in evaluating each submission. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries by category; High School (Grades 10 – 12); Junior High (Grades 7 - 9) and Elementary (Grades P – 6).

Submissions to the 2016 African Nova Scotian History Challenges will be accepted up to February 5, 2016. **You are encouraged to send your entries early.** Entries via mail only or dropped off in person during regular business hours. Submissions post-marked or dropped off after the deadline date will not be considered. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, grade, your teacher's name and contact info and the name of your school. Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Only Award winners will be contacted. A complete list of Award winners will be published in March.

Mail or Deliver all entries to:

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