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Being of an african descendant and what my family means to me ^{Hamza}

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In this paper I will be informing you about my life of an african decent why I'm proud what I've learnt and what my family means to me.

I am proud of who I am and why I am an african descendant because I am unique and I belong to a family of whom I share similar values. I am also proud of being an african descendant because I also share and resemble some of the looks and characteristics of my relatives.

I have learnt in my life that being religious and praying as a family to god is one part of our faith. Sometimes on special occasions me and my family meet up with other community members of the same religion to pray to god and celebrate.

My mum dad and grandparents are always telling me my ~~to~~ two brothers and sister that education is the way forward and they are reminding us that it is a key to success because all their aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters got their jobs from work and education and also good marks in tests.

I have learnt that in my country uganda in africa there is specific clothes for different occasions like "kanzu" for men and

"Gomesi" for women on weddings.

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Respect for my family is important because you never know when they might be ill or they will leave you alone by yourself it is also good to care for your family because it can teach you life skills for when you grow up and live on your own. I could show respect to my parents by ~~that~~ cleaning my bedroom washing the dishes and helping with house work.

I have learnt acceptable behavior and respecting elders is a way to be a good boy for example when some of my aunts and uncles come to visit or when I visit my friends houses I always greet using our language to show respect to parents before I go and play.

My parents have told me that if you want to be a good person and a good friend you have to keep a good community spirit. Like looking out for friends and neighbours giving a helping hand and asking if they need help. But it's not always people in your community it can also be for example school friends, grandparents and relatives, so if you want to have a good relationship with friends you have to be kind to neighbours and friends.

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My parents have told me that when I grow up I have to keep in contact with my parents they have told this to me because I will know when they need help or when they are in trouble. I think they have told this to me because they do it as well, quite often they call their mum because they are teaching me how to keep safe.

In conclusion my mum, dad and grandparents have taught me my brothers and sister about our African background of culture so we will learn more every time we travel to Uganda in Africa.