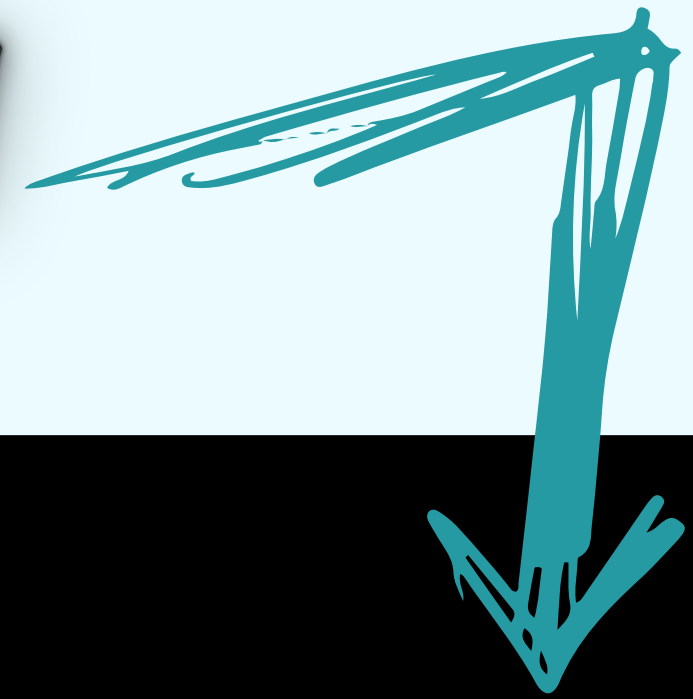DO THE RIGHT THING

AFROFUTURISM

INTRODUCTION

AFROFUTURISM

In today's lesson we learn about Afrofuturism. We will also discuss video games and our digital lives while thinking about the future of the world and technology.

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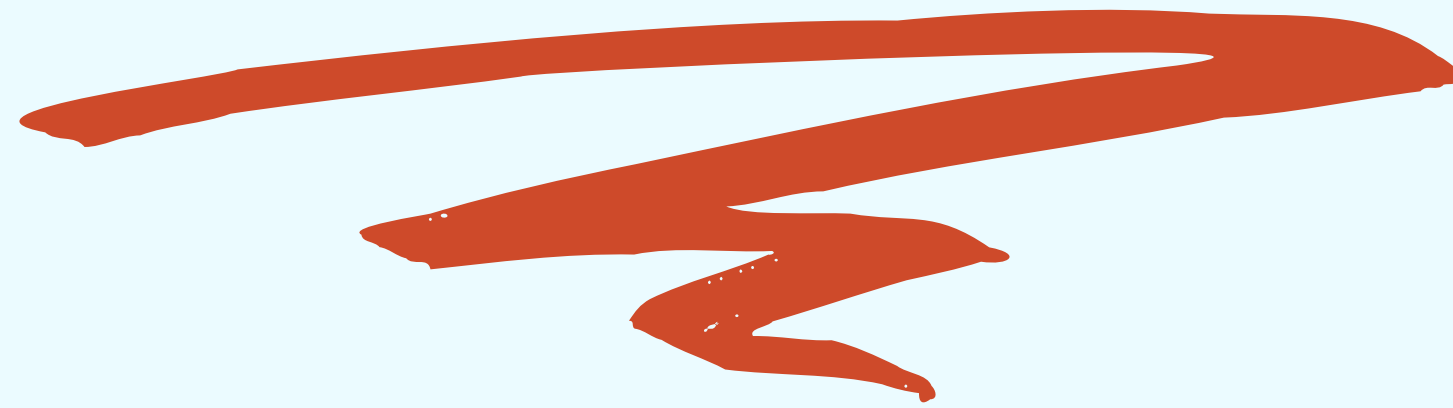by Go to Ms. Sims Inc.™

SEL CONNECTION

Today, we will practice **social and self awareness** by reflecting on Black History and Afrofuturism and by thinking of futures through social justice and technological lenses.

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BLOCK PARTY: SHARING MY DIGITAL LIFE

SHARING MY DIGITAL LIFE

1) <u>When the music starts</u>, you will walk randomly around the room. Be sure to be respectful of others' space and bodies!

2) When the music stops, you will partner with the closest person next to you.

3) Then, you will interview each other using the following questions.

ARE YOU READY?

Stand up and walk when the <u>music starts</u>. We will go for 5 rounds.

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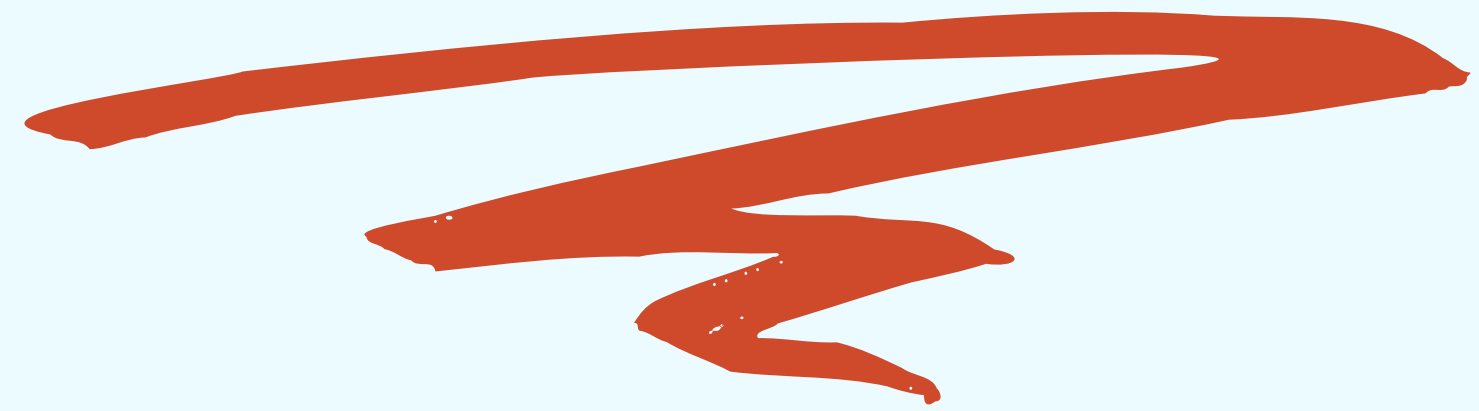
SHARING MY DIGITAL LIFE

- Which video games are your favorite and why?

- Which comic books or sci-fi movies are your favorite and why?

- How do comic books, games and films help us imagine new worlds?

- What is the future of technology?

- How are black history and technology connected?

- What careers require you to use your imagination?

- What careers require you to use technology in new ways?

LESSON PART ONE

WHAT IS AFROFUTURISM?

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⭐ Afrofuturism is a movement in literature, music and video games.

⭐ It features Sci-Fi (science fiction) elements through the history and future of Black culture.

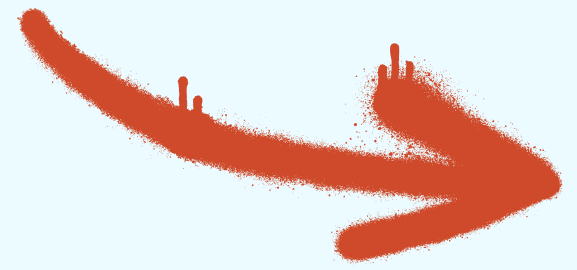⭐ Afrofuture is inspirational because it challenges us to think about our future.

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Watch the video "Afrofuturism mixes sci-fi and social justice"
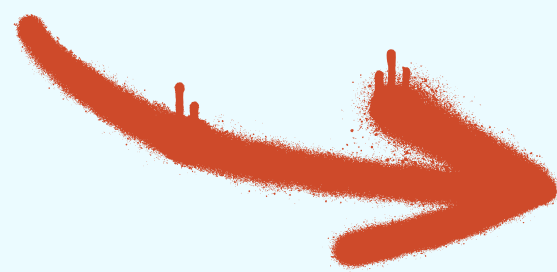
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Watch the video "<u>Afrofuturism and Wakanda</u>" to make a real-world connection to *Black Panther.*

WHAT IS AFROFUTURISM?

Respond in your graphic organizer.

- In your own words, what is Afrofuturism?
- How is Wakanda a form of Afrofuturism?
- Wakanda has a majority female military. How is this afrofuturistic?
- How do Black artists use Black culture to imagine new futures? Why is this important?
- How can we use technology (video games, metaverse) to imagine new futures?

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LESSON: PART TWO

MY OWN FUTURE

GOALS

⭐ Get in partners or small groups to create our worlds

⭐ Use the images to inspire our futuristic worlds

⭐ Use our five senses to write a paragraph of a made-up futuristic world

MY OWN FUTURE

- How will your society be organized? *Example: Are there more female presidents?*
- What fashion styles will influence your society?
- How will your society utilize technology?
  - Consider gaming and art.
  - Consider both physical and mental health.
  - Consider how we would get our food.
- Does racism exist in your future? Homophobia?
- How will your society treat each other, the land, animals?
- How will you utilize Black History in your future?

LESSON: PART TWO

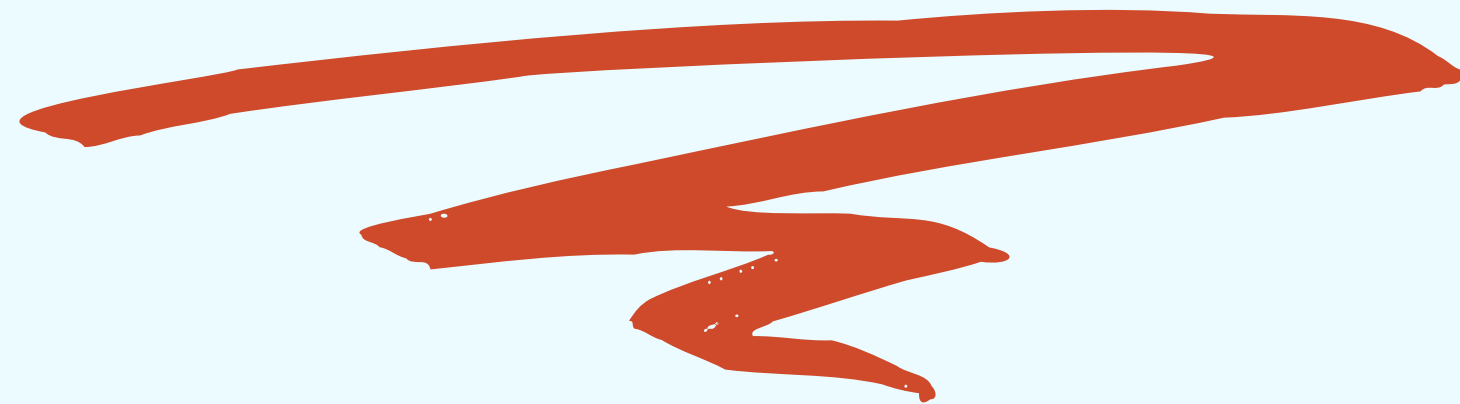## MY OWN FUTURE

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH OF FUTURE:

In my future, the people are in tune with the land. You can see our people being kind to animals. Rather than cutting down trees, we use them for shade and nutrients, but don't harm them. In my future, Black communities are thriving and are not bogged down by poverty. Hiphop is played like the national anthem and after school each day we have a dance party to shake out any stress or fatigue. In my future, we wear sustainable metals and fabrics and use technology to make life better rather than going to war. In my future, we will utilize the metaverse and video games to simulate potential outcomes of important decisions we make for our society.

NOW SHARE YOUR WORLDS!

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EXTENSION

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View the following resources for careers and history about Gaming, Film, and other forms of media.

- Identify 3 things you learned after watching the video.

- Develop 2 questions you would like to explore further.

RESOURCES FOR AFROFUTURISTS

- <u>Black College Student Video Game Designer</u>
- <u>Experiences of Black Coders</u>
- <u>Black Comic Book Designers You Should Know</u>
- <u>Uncovering Black Video Game Pioneers</u>
- <u>10 Black Sci-Fi Authors to Know</u>
- <u>The Met: Career Labs in AfroFuturism</u>
- <u>Afrofuturism: Past and Present</u>
- <u>Black Innovators in STEM</u>