

Daily Curriculum – February 27

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

Why do you think that audiences enjoy seeing stories about hero homecomings? Do you think that news coverage should include more of these kinds of stories? Explain.

Key Concepts: Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. favela
2. FIFA World Cup
3. Undulatus Asperatus

Fast Facts: How well were you listening to today's program?

1. When are many of the U.S. troops currently in Afghanistan expected to come home? What responsibilities would be assigned to U.S. troops who remain there? Why is President Obama threatening to pull all U.S. troops out by the end of December? Why does one government official in Pakistan say that would be a mistake?
2. What is a favela? What major international sports event is coming to Brazil in June? How are some living in nearby favelas trying to take advantage of this event? What upsides can staying in a favela offer to tourists? According to the video, what are some of the problems associated with living in Rio de Janeiro's favelas?
3. In what field have Chelsi Henry and Atia Omara made a difference? How are these women involved in that field? What program did Kimberly Bryant launch? How has this program helped others?
4. How did the students honor Air Force Technical Sgt. Troy Harvey? How did Harvey react to the students' gesture?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your opinion of a possible total withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan? Do you agree or disagree with President Obama's rationale? Explain.
2. In the video, we hear that favelas can offer World Cup visitors an "authentic experience." What does this phrase mean? When visiting another country, how might staying in a small village instead of a large city give a person unique insights into the country's people and culture? What might be some challenges associated with staying in a small village versus staying in a hotel in the city?
3. Who are some individuals you would like to see recognized for their contributions to contemporary Black History? In what fields have they excelled? How might their contributions inspire others?
4. Have you ever attended or organized a hero's homecoming? If so, describe the experience. How does an event like this impact the returning veteran and the community?