

Worksheet for Viewing TEDx Talk: "The Exceptional Negro: Fighting to be Seen in a Colorblind World" by Traci Ellis

View the TEDx talk attentively and reflect on the following prompts. Take notes where necessary while viewing it.

Additional Notes:

- Take notes on specific quotes, statistics, or impactful moments from the talk.
- Feel free to pause the video to reflect or jot down thoughts as needed.
- This worksheet is designed to help you engage critically with the content and deepen your understanding of the issues discussed.

Introduction

- What is the speaker's main argument or thesis statement regarding "The Exceptional Negro" in a colorblind world?
- How does Traci Ellis introduce the concept of being "seen" versus being "noticed" in society?

Key Concepts

- Define what the speaker means by the term "exceptionalism" in the context of race relations.
- Discuss how the idea of "colorblindness" is presented in the talk. What does it mean, and what are its implications?

Personal Stories and Examples

- Identify at least two personal anecdotes or examples that Traci Ellis uses to illustrate her points.
- How do these stories contribute to the understanding of the challenges faced by exceptional individuals of color?

Conclusion

- Summarize the main takeaways from the TEDx talk "The Exceptional Negro: Fighting to be Seen in a Colorblind World."
- What questions or issues does this talk raise for further discussion or exploration?

This worksheet is intended to guide your reflection on the TEDx talk by Traci Ellis, fostering deeper understanding and critical thinking about the issues raised.