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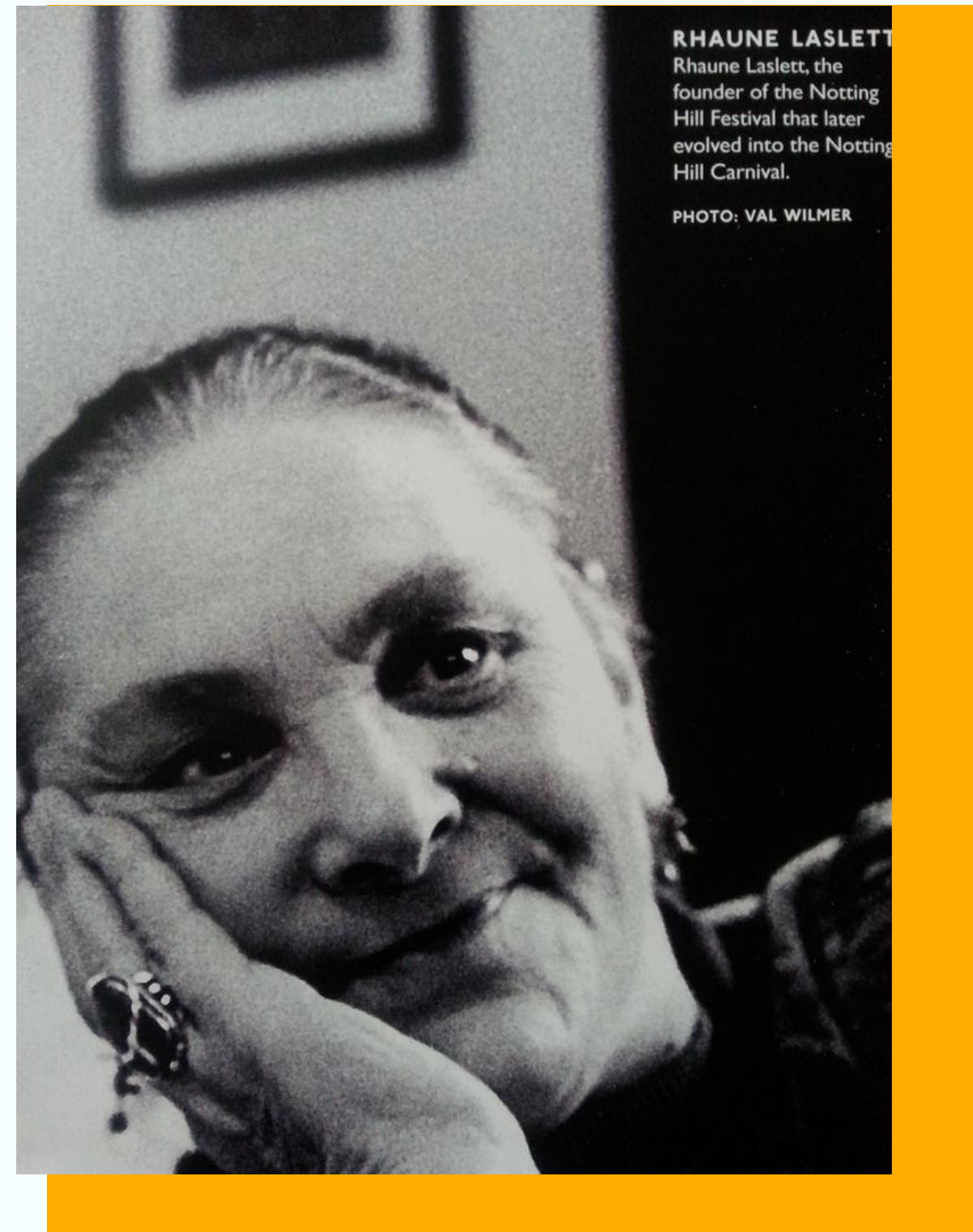
KS3 Learning Activities



## Notting Hill Carnival

Rhaune Laslett-O'Brien and Claudia Jones

## The Pioneers of Notting Hill Carnival



Rhaune Laslett-O'Brien



Claudia Jones

Head over to this [link](#) to learn about the history of Notting Hill Carnival, and the background of the pioneers!

# Our Beauties Compete For Caribbean Queen Prize

## WEST INDIAN GAZETTE

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Gloria Russell Cherry Larina



Ferna Richards

More than 30 Caribbean Beauties were among contestants throwing their hat into the ring at the closing days of the contest approached and at the time of our going to press. The stipulations were scheduled to take place at the West Indian Student Union Centre on one of our going to press. At J. C. Douglas Goodwin, who the leading artist, Cy Good, was to appear to help the beauties over their nervous spots by his very presence and encouragement to cheer up.



Jeannette Francis Nanna Kemp Cheryl Castellana

WEST INDIES NEED VALENTINE See page 8

CA A CARNIVAL HALL Sat. 6 Feb 6, 1960 It's a date!



**B.B.C. To Televis Carnival**  
PANEL OF 12 JUDGES TO SERVE  
The Panel of 12 persons who have been asked to serve on the February 6th Panel of Caribbean Carnival Judges for the 1960 Caribbean Queen had accepted W.I.G.'s invitation to do so at press time. These are: Mr. George Lanning, writer; Mrs. Nadia Calhoun, Lindy, actress; Mr. Jan Carey, writer; Mr. Anthony Bryson, producer; Mr. Victor Price; Mr. Edward McKenna, Inspector-Exporter; Mr. L. O. Weeks, Customs Head; Mr. Samuel Soboye, writer; Mr. Rex Abbott, Public Relations Officer, West Indies Commission; Mrs. Donald Connor; and Mrs. C. B. Clarke. The judges will also judge the Best Dressed Hands.

PREPARATIONS for the Second Annual Caribbean Carnival organised by West Indian Gazette moved into the crescendo-like pace of "talking drums" as the last three weeks remained before the night of February 6th, 1960, when Sefton Hall will be witness to all the best in music, song and dance of the Caribbean Carnival.

Premier Norman Manley of Jamaica, in London for Colonial Office talks and addresses over-flow meeting in Lambeth Town Hall's Council Chamber, Chairman of the meeting was Mayor Calder of Lambeth. Also shown are Jamaica's Finance Minister, E. Amet; Sir Gervase Gordon, W.I. Commissioner; and Consul-General Hancock (see Editorial on Page 2).

W.I.G. Editor, Claudia Jones will award the prize from the raffish of our huge Tombola.

Robesons, M.P.s Greet Carnival

GOOD wishes for the success of our 1960 Caribbean Carnival come in from many quarters as we were going to press. First among them were from the Paul Robeson Mrs. Paul Robeson, who accepted to serve as a Carnival patron wrote to W.I.G. editor Claudia Jones.

"Paul and I wish you every success with the Carnival on February 6th. We are sorry that we will be out of the country, and thus unable to attend. We have enjoyed very much the lively West Indian music and dance in the West India Hall, and we are delighted that some of it has been brought here to the British people, so that they too may enjoy it." And from Col. Marcus Lipton, O.B.E., J.P., M.P. for Kingston, come the message stating that

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Test Yourself!

Write a paragraph:  
Why do you think that Claudia Jones' indoor events were important to the Caribbean community at the time?

Write a paragraph:  
Why do you think that celebrating Notting Hill Carnival is still important now?

## Fill in the blanks with the words below

Notting Hill Carnival is an annual event that takes place over the ..... of August. It has taken place since 1966. Notting Hill Carnival was created in response to racially motivated riots that happened in Notting Hill in ..... following tension with white nationalists who were critical of Caribbean immigration after WW2.

Two women who were fighting against injustice, and sought for harmony during this turbulent time were Rhaune Laslett' O'Brein and Claudia Jones.

Claudia Jones was born in .....in 1915, and moved to Britain in 1955. She founded and edited the first Black British newspaper called the West Indian Gazette, and created an indoor Caribbean festival to celebrate Caribbean culture and achievements. The indoor festival lasted for.....years until 1964.

Rhaune Laslett' O'Brein was born in ....., she was an activist and community leader, who is known for bringing carnival to the streets through a vision she had, seeing people dancing, singing in the streets, and wearing beautiful costumes. In September 1966, permission was granted to hold a week long fête, with a parade that started and finished back at ....., travelling through the different streets of the Notting Hill area in between.

Due to the efforts of these two pioneers who sought harmony in the streets of Noting Hill, Notting Hill Carnival in its current form was born, becoming a way to celebrate West Indian culture.

**Trinidad and Tobago**

**Bank Holiday Weekend**

**1958**

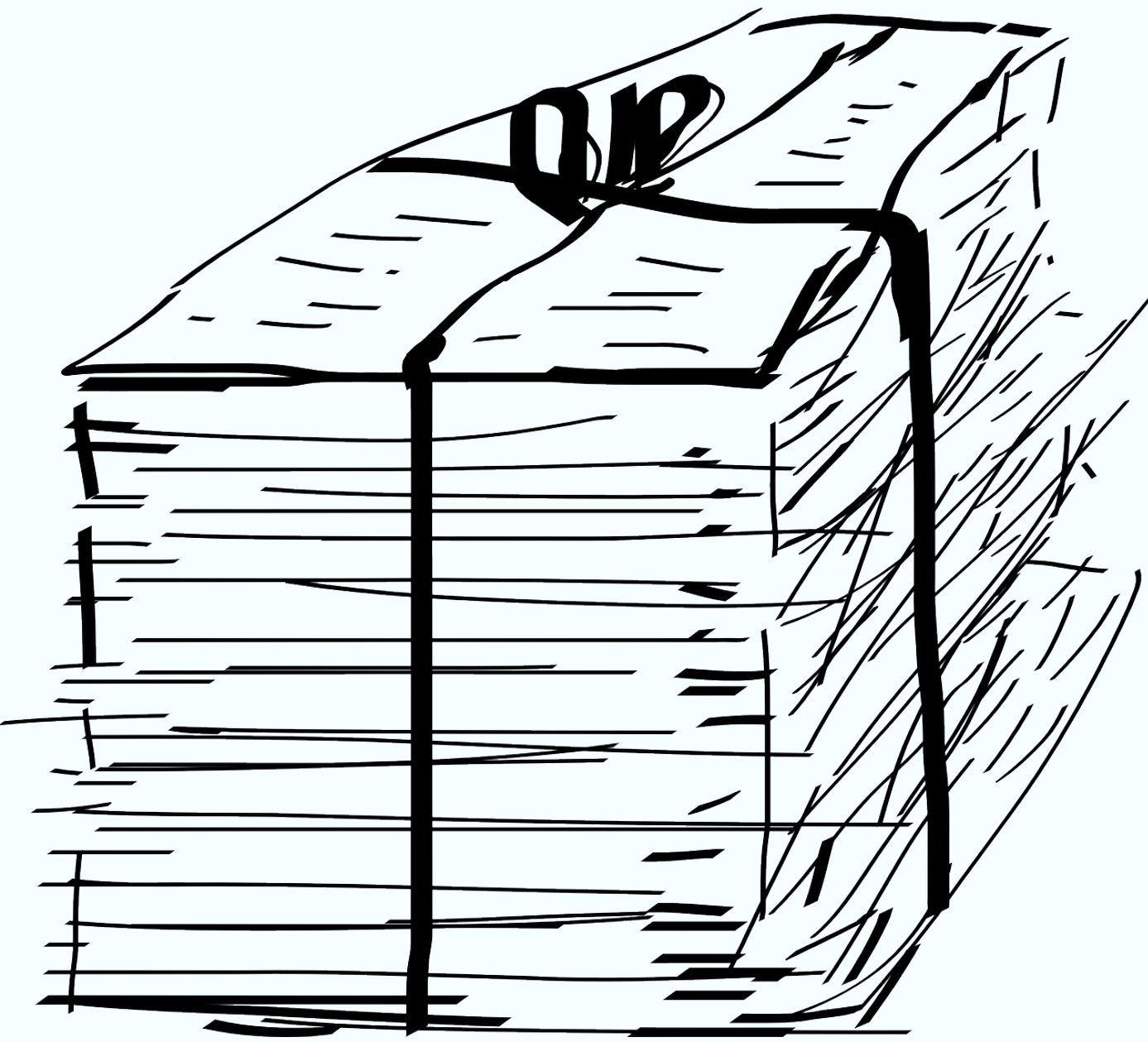
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# Newspaper Report!

Imagine that you are Claudia Jones, writing and editing articles for the West Indian Gazette:



Think of and research a topic that would interest readers of the West Indian Gazette (E.G. Important people, Caribbean countries, food, politics and other celebrations).

- Find someone in your house or a friend to do a mini interview with - ask them questions on the subject that you would like to discuss in your article.
- **Create your own A4 newspaper article!**

**Give your newspaper a name, and headline. Your article should include: information about the topic area that you have researched and responses from your mini interview.**

Get creative and good luck!

Ask an adult to @theblackcurriculum on instagram with a picture of your article for a chance to be featured on our story