EDUCATIONAL NOTES

1. AFRICAN ART is highly symbolic and understood only by a select group. Is American art understood only by a select group? What do you enjoy about African art?

2. AFRICAN ART created for ceremonial use is only understood in the context of that ceremony. Are there some objects in your life or ways of behaving and acting that are only understood by a certain group of people, or only in special circumstances? Would they be understood or appropriate in another situation?

3. AFRICAN MASKS are used for more than just entertainment. What are the multiple purposes for the masks?

4. AFRICAN ORAL TRADITION relied on highly developed memorization skills. The stories were not in books, but in their minds. How did that affect their history, their thinking, their community? What are the advantages, and disadvantages to this form of written history?

5. THE KUBA KINGDOM AND ROYAL COURT were elaborate systems of government and display. What are some similarities and differences between Kuba and European systems of government?

6. KUBA PEOPLE valued one’s place in a group. What are the advantages and disadvantages of:
   • group over individual accomplishments?
   • cooperation over competition?
   • responsibility over rights?
   • group success over personal success?

7. THE AFRICAN MIND interpreted phenomena in spiritual or intuitive more than scientific terms. What are some things in your life that can only be explained from an intuitive basis? What are other things that can be explained from a rational or scientific base?

8. AFRICAN LIFE has developed by exposure to its own origins as much as by other groups. How has your life improved through exposure to your origins as well as to outside elements?

9. AFRICAN SOCIETY is quite distinct from American society. What are the major differences? What are the advantages? What are the disadvantages?

10. AFRICAN DIET is high fiber, low fat, with no additives and seasonal depending on what’s available. How do they grab a big Mac snack? jump in the air and net some grasshoppers, dig for delicious white ants, grubs, or tree frogs.....mmmmmm yum!