

# CELEBRATING KWANZAA



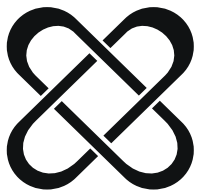
Kwanzaa is a winter holiday that emerged in the 1960s to promote African heritage and culture. Rooted in African culture, many of the the guiding principles of Kwanzaa find their origins in Swahili. Celebrated from December 26 to January 1, Kwanzaa was founded on seven principles designed to promote a meaningful, purposeful life, as well as a strong and vibrant community.

Read the principles below, then use the lines to reflect on how these concepts might inspire you as a person, and how you might use them to contribute to your family, your community, and the world.



## UMOJA

**(Unity)** To strive for and to maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.



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## KUICHA GULIA

**(Self-Determination)** To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.



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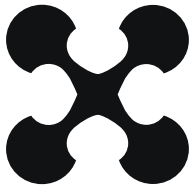
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## UJIMA

**(Collective Work and Responsibility)** To build and maintain our community together,  
to make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems, and to solve them together.



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## UJAMAA

**(Cooperative Economics)** To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses,  
and to profit from them together.



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## NIA

**(Purpose)** To make our collective vocation (work) the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.



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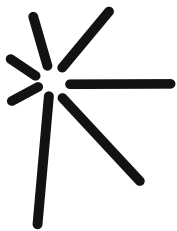
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## KUUMBA

**(Creativity)** To do always as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.



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## IMANI

**(Faith)** To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.



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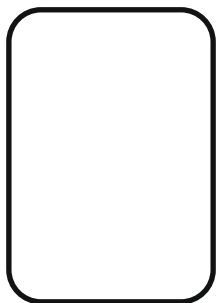
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## YOUR TURN

Write a word and draw a symbol that reflects a value that you hold. Use the lines below to explain why you chose these.



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