



Katrina and Kanye: Shifting Culture Through Off-Script Remark

Description

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In the aftermath of recent major hurricanes in the US, discourse surrounding disaster relief efforts traces back over two decades, marked by a national telethon and a moment involving Kanye West.

During NBC's "Concert for Hurricane Relief" following Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, West's unscripted outburst highlighted media portrayals of race during times of crisis.

West's declaration, "George Bush doesn't like Black people," encapsulated the frustration with the perceived inadequacy of the response to the catastrophic impact of Katrina.

The devastation inflicted by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, particularly on New Orleans, underscored systemic inequalities and failures in disaster management.



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The plight of over 25,000 storm evacuees at the Louisiana Superdome exposed the failures in ensuring their safety and well-being.

President George W. Bush faced criticism for his delayed and inadequate response to Katrina, epitomized by a controversial photo of him from Air Force One.

The telethon incident, as discussed in "TV On the Edge: Moments That Shaped Our Culture," laid the groundwork for the subsequent Black Lives Matter movement, as articulated by Van Jones.

Critically acclaimed comedian Mike Myers, unaware of West's impromptu remarks, later expressed pride in standing alongside the artist during that pivotal moment.

The episode underscores the significance of speaking truth to power during times of crisis, emphasizing the need for accountability and transparency in governance.

While West's remarks spurred debate, the focus remains on the profound impact of Katrina on the lives and livelihoods of those affected, transcending individual controversies.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Discourse** /dɪs'kɔ:rs/ (noun): Written or spoken communication or debate.
2. **Inequality** /,ɪnɪ'kwɒləti/ (noun): The state of not being equal especially in status rights and opportunities.
3. **Criticism** /'krɪtɪsɪzəm/ (noun): The expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes.
4. **Significance** /sɪg'nɪfɪkəns/ (noun): The quality of being worthy of attention; importance.
5. **Systemic** /sɪ'stɛmɪk/ (adjective): Relating to a system especially as opposed to the local or particular.
6. **Accountability** /ə,kəʊntə'bɪləti/ (noun): The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to a formal discussion on a specific topic?

- Option: Lingering
- Option: Intercession
- Option: Discourse
- Option: Flirtatious

2. What medical treatment involves the use of drugs to destroy cancer cells?

- Option: Surgery
- Option: Immerision



Option: Chemotherapy

Option: Receptionist

3. Which term signifies the obligation to accept responsibility for one's actions?

Option: Toxic

Option: Contentious

Option: Accountability

Option: Emotional

4. Which term refers to the quality of being important or having meaning?

Option: Systemic

Option: Encourage

Option: Significance

Option: Allegation

5. What process involves taking another look at something for evaluation or judgment?

Option: Victim

Option: Reassessment

Option: Conviction

Option: Sensational

6. Which term describes the act of passing judgment or disapproval about someone or something?

Option: Flirtatious

Option: Criticism

Option: Compendium

Option: Immersion

7. Which term signifies something that is tempting or desirable for its allure?

Option: Surgery

Option: Tantalizing

Option: Narrative

Option: Allegation

8. Which term describes something that is related to an entire system?

Option: Intercession

Option: Systemic

Option: Culminating

Option: Immersion

9. Which term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong or illegal typically without proof?

Option: Toxic

Option: Emotional



Option: Allegation

Option: Victim

10. Which term describes something harmful unpleasant or destructive?

Option: Treatment

Option: Culminating

Option: Toxic

Option: Accountability

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ involves the act of intervening or mediating on behalf of someone in trouble or need.

12. A _____ is a story or account of events experiences or the like whether true or fictitious.

13. She had a(n) _____ reaction to the heartfelt letter tearing up with joy.

14. The concert was the _____ event of the year bringing together top artists from around the world.

15. His _____ behavior towards the waitress made his wife uncomfortable.

16. In a professional setting _____ is critical to maintaining trust and credibility.

17. The meeting became _____ as members argued over the proposed changes.

18. Language students often benefit from _____ in a culture where the language is spoken.

19. The attorney argued that his client was a _____ of circumstance not a willing participant.

20. The patient needed immediate _____ to remove the tumor and prevent further



complications.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The historical artefact held great giving insight into ancient civilizations.
22. The company implemented a approach to address internal issues at all levels.
23. Living with a local family allowed for complete cultural transforming the study abroad experience.
24. Despite the apology there was a feeling of resentment among the team members.
25. The negative work environment created a atmosphere leading to high turnover.
26. She felt like a of the unfair treatment struggling to find justice.
27. The media reported the scandal but did not provide concrete evidence; it was merely an at that point.
28. The coach always sought to his players pushing them to achieve their fullest potential.
29. The book served as a of essays on various topics making it a valuable resource for students.
30. She faced harsh for her unconventional methods but she stood by her decisions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Discourse 2. Chemotherapy 3. Accountability 4. Significance 5. Reassessment 6. Criticism 7. Tantalizing 8. Systemic 9. Allegation 10. Toxic

Gap-Fill: 11. Intercession 12. Narrative 13. Emotional 14. Culminating 15. Flirtatious 16. Accountability 17. Contentious 18. Immersion 19. Victim 20. Surgery

Matching sentence: 1. Significance 2. Systemic 3. Immersion 4. Lingering 5. Toxic 6. Victim 7. Allegation 8. Encourage 9. Compendium 10. Criticism

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