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Final Project

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Topic Proposal

Topic

A topic I want to propose is the historical and present-day significance of Locs (which is a black hairstyle achieved by coiling, braiding, twisting, or palm-rolling strands of hair). I want to create an interactive informative website that strives to educate the user on Locs.

Significance

The historical and present-day significance of Locs is an important topic for me right now because I recently made the decision to start my Loc journey by getting micro locs after considering it for a couple of years. I feel like there is a vast amount of info that others, including myself, don't know about what it means to loc your hair as a black person. I think there are a lot of negative connotations surrounding the stigma of Locs because it doesn't fit into the beauty standard of hair. Locs are seen as dirty, hard to maintain, and wild. The conversation surrounding Locs in the black community I think has been stagnant for a while. So, I want to get the conversation going again about the beauty of Locs despite what society thinks of them.

Interview

It would be beneficial to interview a trained professional who specializes in Locs and then interview people who have or had Locs in order to get their perspective on them. For instance, I want to ask questions like:

1. Are they aware of the negative connotations of locs?
2. How do they think other people view Locs?
3. Is there a specific reason they decided to get Locs?
4. Are they aware of the history of Locs?

Any personal stories about why they decided to loc their hair would be helpful as well. I am thinking about interviewing my high school friend because she recently started her Loc journey and I want to know more about why she made that decision. A Loctician on Instagram because I think it would be helpful to get insight into the vast knowledge that they have about Locs and

how to achieve them using many techniques. Lastly, I am thinking about interviewing two family members. One of them is my auntie who had Locs before but cut them off, and about 5 years ago she started her Loc journey again. Another family member is my grandma who had Locs for roughly 10 years before she cut them, and she also decided to start her loc journey again.

What am I hoping to learn?

Therefore, I am hoping to learn about the various reasons people decide to get locs. I would love to know more about the history of locs and how to maintain them because there's a lot of care and prep that goes into locs. I want to know more about how other black people view Locs as well.