

# Kwanzaa Symbol Classification

Symbol	Literal Meaning	Context		
		Social	Cultural	Political
1.	1.			
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**Nguzo saba**

Swahili Term	Meaning	Swahili Term	Meaning
1. _____	_____	5. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
4. _____	_____		

Choose one of the seven Kwanzaa principles. Write a five-line “essay” explaining why you consider it to be a relevant ideal for those seeking Civil Rights in the 1960s and beyond.

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## Answer Key

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		Social	Cultural	Political
1. Mazao	1. Crops, harvest: Reward for productive and collective labor		X	
2. Mkeka (usually woven)	2. Mat: Tradition and foundation	X	X	
3. Kinara	3. Candleholder: African heritage/past	X	X	
4. Muhindi	4. Corn: Children/future		X	
5. Mishumaa saba	5. Light, nguzo saba: Minimum set of values needed to reconstruct life according to our own image and needs	X	X	X
6. Kikombe cha umoja	6. Unity cup: Used for pouring libations	X	X	
7. Zawadi	7. Gifts: Familial love, respect, and commitment		X	
8. Bendera	8. Flag of Organization US			X
9. Nguzo Saba poster	9. Seven principles	X	X	X

### Nguzo saba

Swahili Term	Meaning	Swahili Term	Meaning
1. Umoja	unity	5. Nia	purpose
2. Kujichagalia	self-determination	6. Kuumba	creativity
3. Ujima	collective work/responsibility	7. Imani	faith
4. Ujaama	cooperative economics		

### Essay Rubric

**Exemplary:** Clearly states definition. Is succinct. Shows full comprehension of context of Civil Rights movement parallels.

**Satisfactory:** States definition but may have expressed errant or unrelated ideas. Shows some comprehension of context of Civil Rights movement parallels.

**Emerging:** Unfocused comments that lack clear relationship of principle to meaning. Evidence of parallelism to the Civil Rights movement is suggested but undeveloped.

**Unsatisfactory:** Does not complete assignment.