JAMAICAN PROVERBS
Educational tools for cultural identity & sharing meanings

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Louise “Miss Lou” Bennett
“Mother of Jamaican proverbs & storytelling”

http://youtu.be/u7htbzK69iA

“When trouble tek man, him pickney boot fit him”
Jamaican Proverbs
(Miss Lou & My Mother)

Gladys Henry as
educator, moral compass,
nurturer of development

Jamaican proverbs as
educational &
communication tools
Jamaican Proverbs: Educational & Comm. Tools

- Imagery
- ‘Morals & values’ compass
- Cultural identity
- Problem-solving & Critical thinking skills
- Humour
My Mother:  
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Lorlett Hudson uses Jamaican proverbs to change lives. Published: Sunday Gleaner | October 4, 2009

"The proverb, 'Tek bad tings mek laff', was then, and still is, the most powerful and thought-provoking message that inspired me to work for myself," said Lorlett Hudson, a Jamaican entrepreneur, living in London, England. "In many ways, these five words changed my life. I believe that sometimes we have to learn to laugh during these hard times and it's during these hard times that we truly find ourselves."
Lorlett Hudson
“Awww maaan... the "invisible hand" at work! God nah sleep at all cuz mi jus' jump up wid an urge fi send dem off and bam... it’s just at the right hr. It seems as though God also finds use for idle hands. I know you will do well cause you inspire me to do well in so many ways beyond how I even thought I could be, so just be you... be Mz. Henry. Trust me, yuh mek mi rate school for di first in my life. Thanks.”

Bless,
Mugz  
(Durban -July 20, 2012)
Tusiime ("To-see-me")

“Cyan believe I havin so much fun wid school. When I said I neva know school would be so nice, it was in relation to promo work I was doing for my course AR26E Producing Culture. We had to plan and execute an event, which for us, was a party at the Quad Top Floor. I was handing out flyers and relating to individuals that it was for a graded assignment - a process I found quite enjoyable. The convos that developed out of these interactions were priceless.”

Blessings  
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The Way Forward

• Contribution to Mphil/PhD in Educational Psychology
• Publication of a book on life-lessons through Jamaican proverbs and English literary quotes by my mother
“Howdy, Tenk yu bruck nuh square!”