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**Roots of Knowledge  
Empowerment Institute**  
22832 Collins Street  
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*“There’s something about feeling your connection to something that’s bigger than you and deeper and older than you that I think provides some strength” - Chris Jones, 6th Grade Parent*



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CONNECTING THE DIASPORA

**EXPLORE THE  
DIASPORA**

**June 24-28th, July 8-12th  
2019**

San Fernando Valley  
Leimert Park



## Our Mission

Roots of Knowledge Empowerment Institute's (ROKEI) focus is to address critical educational gaps that exist in many schools that keep students from fully understanding their ethnic heritage. Immersing students in Pan-African curriculum will enable them to understand how interconnected we all are and will equip students to fully participate in a global society. In addition ROKEI will promote health and wellness by providing workshops and clinics in lifetime sports in an energy-filled supportive environment. The institute will realize its objectives by:

- Reflecting on the contributions of African civilizations throughout history.
- Exposing students to authors of African descent from around the world.
- Developing student skill in lifetime sports that will help them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

## Our Audience

The Institute will serve students between the ages 8-12yrs old. The student-to-teacher ratio will be no greater than 7:1. The classroom will be a place of participation, and discovery where students will be expected to come to class prepared to expand their horizons.

## Caring Faculty

ROKEI founder, Jonathan A. Carroll, Ph.D. has almost twenty years experience as an educator in educational environments ranging from K-12 schools to top universities. In addition he has over a decade of experience as an athletic coach and mentor. Dr. Carroll received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Pennsylvania before earning a Masters in Education from Drexel University and finally his Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He currently serves as a middle school dean at the Harvard Westlake School.

Dr. Carroll will be joined by a hand-picked team of certified professionals who share the vision of educating students to become global citizens..

## Curriculum Highlights

In the Contemporary Diaspora Literature course, students will be exposed to the works of the following groundbreaking authors: **Alice Walker, Ralph Ellison, W.E.B DuBois and Maya Angelou.**

Gabon will be the focus of our Ancient Civilizations course in week 1 and the Congo in week 2. We will investigate the beginnings of these African countries and draw connections to other early societies on the continent.



## Daily Structure

The Institute will take place in classrooms in both the Valley and Leimert Park. Below is the schedule of a typical day:

8:30a Drop off

9a Ancient African Civilizations

10:30a Contemporary Black Literature

12p Lunch

1p Tennis

2p Ancient African Civilizations/Art

3:15p Dismissal and Pick up

## An Affordable Experience

The tuition for the Institute will be \$200. This cost will cover classroom materials, and the equipment/apparel to be used during our exercise periods.

*"I really see the value of this program as filling in an aspect of education that students of color don't get in school"*

*K. Arianne Jordan, 5th Grade Parent*

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