

Jamaica Unit: Conclusions

Group #: 1

Work: The Harder They Come

1. How does your work represent Jamaica?

It shows the harder side of Jamaican life. The more negative aspects of Jamaica is shown such as corruption.

2. How does your work represent the Jamaican people?

The work shows the hardships of the people. There is a lot of violence shown.

3. What role does language play in your work? Who is the audience of your work?

The Patois makes the work difficult to understand. The audience can be anyone but the authenticity of the language makes it more relatable to the Jamaican people.

4. What role does gender play in your work?

Masculinity was a very large part of the work. The women in the work were not shown to have any power.

5. How does the genre of your work affect their depiction of Jamaica?

The crime film genre of the film shows the more realistic portions of Jamaica away from the vacation aspect of the country.

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Work: How Stella Got Her Groove Back

1. How does your work represent Jamaica?

Represents it as paradise & touristy.
Vacations & luxurious living

2. How does your work represent the Jamaican people?

Laid back, looking to have fun/good time

3. What role does language play in your work? Who is the audience of your work?

Accent made him more attractive to Stella. Audience is American / general public.

4. What role does gender play in your work?

Romantic comedy so woman/man.
Makes it ask who is responsible for caring for farm.
Stella is empowering & independent.

5. How does the genre of your work affect their depiction of Jamaica?

You'll find love/happiness,

Rom-com sets this up

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Group #: 3

Work: Abeng

1. How does your work represent Jamaica?

- Slavery
- The history that was covered up
- Generational differences

2. How does your work represent the Jamaican people?

- Jamaican people having less opportunities/less educated
- Preserving languages and traditions

3. What role does language play in your work? Who is the audience of your work?

- Patois
- Showed class differences
- Anyone as audience

4. What role does gender play in your work?

- Shows the girls being powerful

5. How does the genre of your work affect their depiction of Jamaica?

- Coming of age
- Fiction (realistic fiction?)

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Group #: 4

Work: Jamaican Poetry

1. How does your work represent Jamaica?

- The colonization in reverse represents a VICTORY and portrays Jamaica to be STRONG...

- Guinea woman showed Jamaica in a changing / fading light

2. How does your work represent the Jamaican people?

Resilient and STRONG.

3. What role does language play in your work? Who is the audience of your work?

The language can add authenticity, the patois really brought Jamaica to life.

4. What role does gender play in your work?

These poems were mostly centered around STRONG women with a sense of independence. The women also link to HISTORY.

5. How does the genre of your work affect their depiction of Jamaica?

The genre of poetry adds a rhythm to Jamaica and captures a unique flow.