

## Samson Bakare

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in charge of

spend time + ving = .. yaparak zaman gecirmek



### 1. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

The origins of Turks can be traced back to / date back to / extends 5000 BC

- A) contest
- C) confine
- E) penetrate

B) trace

The police still trace / look for the thieves

D) venture

deal with

### 2. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

would have existed

A) might have existed

B) should have existed

C) must have existed

D) can't have existed

E) will have existed

### 5. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

condemn : kinamak, tel'in etmek

A) denounces

B) exaggerates = overrate

C) celebrates

D) remembers

E) underrates

praise / exalt / \*focus on

recall

rate

## Samson Bakare A

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aliante/ exclude

7. Which of the following questions cannot be answered according to the text?

apart from /aside from / as well as /\*besides

A) Can works of art serve a purpose other than aesthetics?

B) Why does being in positions of power matter?

C) What has Samson Bakare been doing of late?

D) What is the purpose of Samson Bakare in his depictions?

E) How do Western art historians view Black figures?

Samson Bakare B

Bakare sees his paintings (1) for / as "time machines." "My work is really about theories of time. I hope I can provide a platform for people (2) to reimagine / reimagining the past and project a better future," he says. "(3) ----, these paintings are anti-imperialist, and I like to include Pan-Africanist thought as a part of the (4) narrative." Pan-Africanism is the school of thought that believes people of African (5) descent should join together as one, and it emerged to counter the centuries-long traditions that erased, misplaced or misinterpreted the culture and art of African people on the continent and in the diaspora.

3. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

various effects / benefits

A) For instance

B) In contrast

all in all/ in conclusion

C) In short

namely / that is to say

E) In other words

D) In a way

In a sense

ek bilge forum

4. "narrative" is closest in meaning to ----.

discourse= soylem

A) account

B) resort

C) extension

D) harvest

E) refutation

5. "descent" is closest in meaning to ----.

A) successor

B) fraud

C) affluence

D) bestowment grant / provision

E) lineage / be of African origin

6. What could be inferred from this passage?

A) The unity among those of African descent may have given rise to Pan-Africanist thought.

B) Without theories of time it is not possible to imagine a better future.

C) What erased, misplaced or misinterpreted the culture and art of African people is their own lack of interest in them.

D) There were times when the art of African people on the continent and in the diaspora were held with high esteem.

E) It is not the past but the future that the pictures as time machines intend to take their viewers to.

mean / plan



distance: mesafe

Samson Bakare C

Bakare's anti-imperialist (1) **stance / aim** can be seen in paintings like **Circa 1885** (2021). The **large portrait's title is a** **convention / congress** reference to the Berlin Conference of 1884, also known as the "Scramble for Africa," which **involved major European Powers** (2) ---- **claim to territory on the continent**, leading later to the **legitimizing of colonialism**. In Bakare's painting, an **aristocratic Black couple stand front and center in a royal court**, **surrounded by** Black cherubic angles **with multicolored hair**. A domesticated leopard **standing** between this **Lord and Lady is a** (3) ---- to the court of the Benin Empire where the Oba (king) kept these **animals in the palace as pets as a way to show their power** (4) **or / over** the wilderness.

fight for

control  
authority  
dominate\*  
sovereignty

2. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- ✓ A) laying **claim**
- ✗ C) demanding
- E) **repelling**
- B) allowing
- D) **confiscating**

3. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- A) charm
- C) familiarity
- E) resistance
- B) contrast
- ✓ D) **reference**



Circa 1885



## Samson Bakare D

**tantmak / piyasaya sürmek**

source of inspiration

Bakare's **own introduction to** art began early and his **biggest influence** is his **architect dad**. He grew up in a home filled with hand-drawn renders and sketchbooks at a time long before AutoCAD and other digital drawing tools (1) **took hold**. "Watching my dad (2) **to sketch / sketch** pencil drawings was something really **profound to witness growing up**. I wanted to copy him and this made me **curious about** drawing," he says. In his Family Portrait series, which began in 2019, he **focused on** imagining an (3) **abundance / scarcity** of wealth and a higher social status for Black individuals (4) **if** history had taken a different turn. This was his **response to** the (5) **earth-shattering** events of colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade, and he **sees painting as** a way to (6) **past injustices** and suggest new Black futures. "Our strategy **should not only be to confront empire but to lay siege to it**," he says. "To **restore pride, to heal the broken and retell the stories**."

1 2 3



watch  
see  
hear  
witness  
find\*  
catch\* + sb/sth + V0 veya ving

+eylemin tamamı ise VERB  
+ bir kısmı ise Ving alir

I saw him getting on the bus.

1. "took hold" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) emerged  
B) generated  
C) rooted  
D) promoted  
E) disappeared

4. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- A) if  
B) when  
C) as  
D) because  
E) though

5. "earth-shattering" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) enlightening  
B) fateful event  
C) broad  
D) appealing  
E) incongruous

6. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- A) eradicate  
B) elicit  
C) discourage  
D) evaluate  
E) reconcile  
come to terms

7. What is the tone of Samson Bakare at the end of this passage?

- A) antagonistic  
B) constructive  
C) resentful  
D) cynical  
E) provocative

**Samson Bakare A KEY**

- 1.D
- 2.A
3. in
4. out of
5. C
6. enjoying
7. B

**Samson Bakare B KEY**

- 1.as
2. to reimagine
3. D
4. A
5. E
6. E

**Samson Bakare C KEY**

- 1.stance
2. A
3. D
4. over

**Samson Bakare D KEY**

1. C
2. sketch
3. abundance
4. A
5. B
6. E
- 7.B

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