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A person of African descent and choosing to behave according to the highest class or rank with regard to all things African

A native or obvious resident of the African race serving the planet as an outstanding representative, model, well-known and typical way of being African. One who demonstrates lasting significance and recognized value of all things relating to Africa, its people, languages, culture and practices, in accordance with ancient established principles and methods in a specific process, conscious and aware.

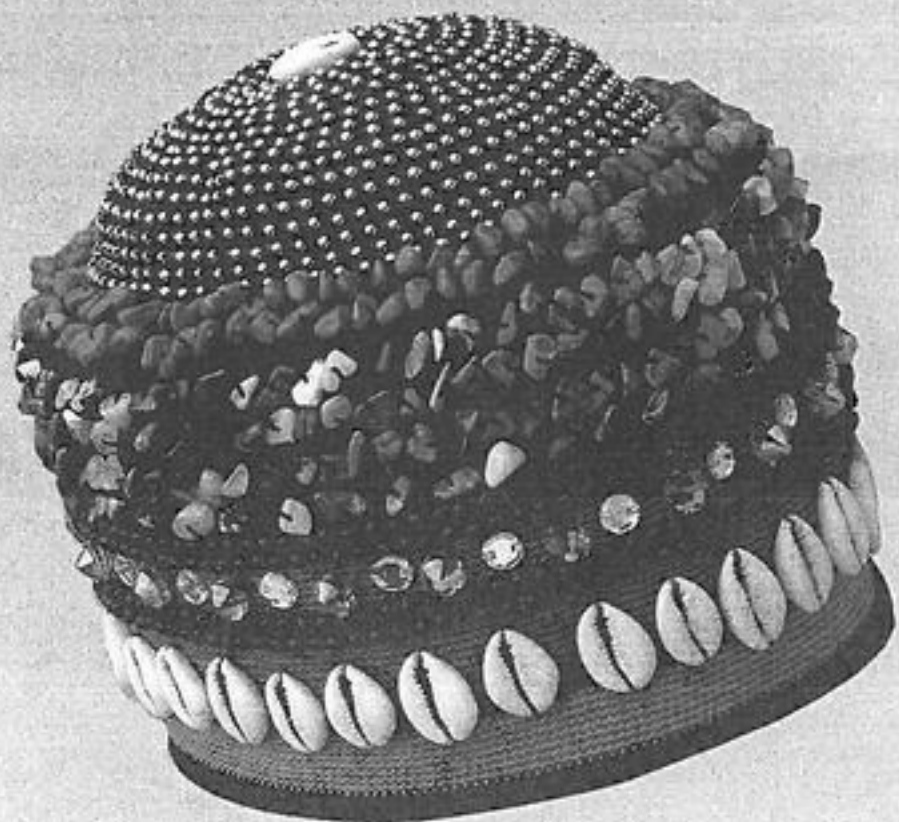
Someone who is typical and traditional in their point, knowledge of their people's relationship with the Creator and His purpose renders one, me,

I Am, an African
Classic.

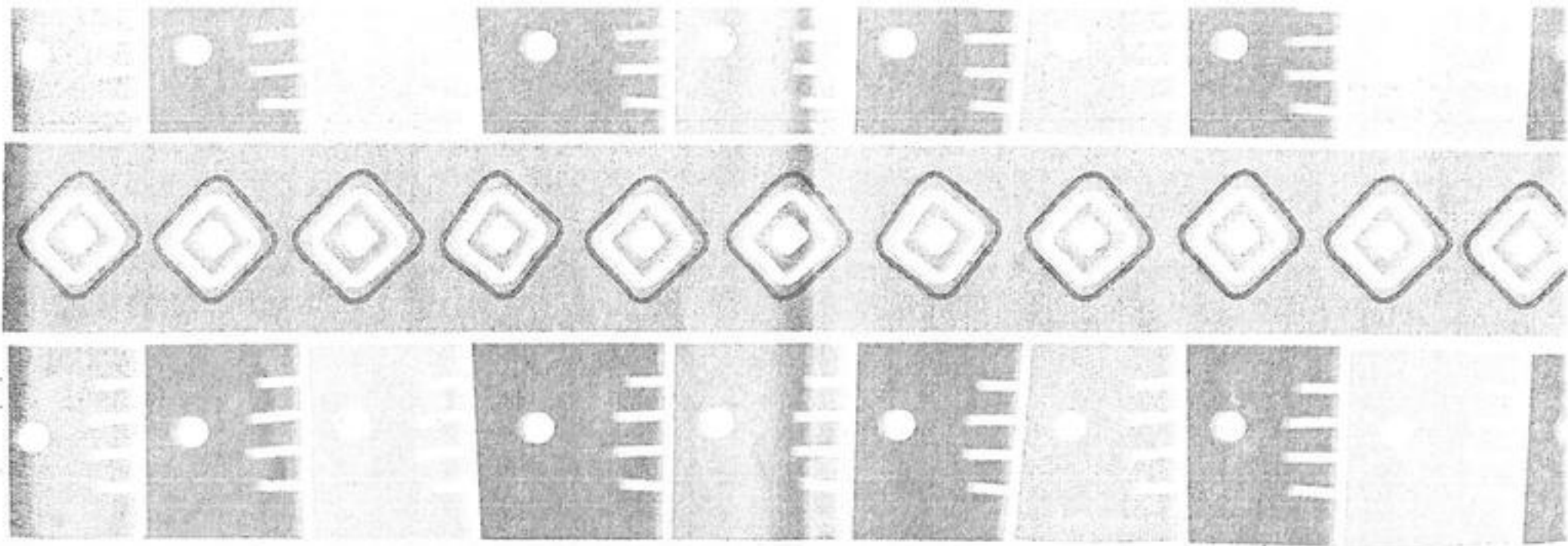
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*Sargent Johnson, Mask
San Francisco Museum
of Modern Art*
This copper mask, made
in 1933, reveals Sargent
Johnson's effort to suggest
but not copy forms from
Africa. He interpreted the
artistic traditions of Africa
in contemporary African
American art.



*Xenobia Bailey, Royal Crown #5
Schomburg Center for Research in
Black Culture, New York*
Xenobia Bailey created this hat in 1985 from acrylic,
yarn, and other materials. She was inspired by the
Yoruba idea that the head is the center of thought
and moral strength.



John Biggers, Jubilee—Ghana Harvest Festival
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

A painter, sculptor, and printmaker, John Biggers painted murals in the middle of this century. His work shows aspects of African and African American life.



Augusta Savage, Gamin
The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York
Augusta Savage sculpted this piece in 1930, using plaster as her medium. She was the first African American in the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors.

Faith Ringgold, Bitternest Part II: ►
Harlem Renaissance Party
Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York
This 1988 mixed media piece made of cloth and acrylic represents Faith Ringgold's campaign for equality in every aspect of life for women and African Americans.