

# My Blackness

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In Katina's poem, *Unsafe*, she talks about the danger of black people wearing a hoodie. Have you ever experienced something similar in your nationality? Please explain.

In *Profiled*, the police decide to leave Katina alone. What would you have done if you were in her shoes? How has society helped to keep this problem going? How has the news media played its role?

In *Movie Theater Reality*, the bus driver puts the two girls in their place. The hidden message, "You don't belong here." When has this message been screaming forth in your ears?

What are some meals that your grandmother cooked to make you feel special? Why? Do you keep up the tradition?

Have you ever played Double Dutch? Do you still remember how to jump? What about turning the rope? What other childhood games did you play?

A lot of single-parent household children can relate to the poem *Abandonment*. What has been your experience?

In Katina's poem *Choke Sandwiches*, they were literally starving after being in the sun all day long. Unfortunately, when they received their sandwiches, they were dry and hard to swallow. Explain and relate this to an event in your life, when you hoped, prayed, and waited for a craving to be desired, but it didn't satisfy? How does this apply to life in general?

Lastly, In *Hairy Sandwiches*, Katina received a surprised when she bit into her sandwich. When have you had a bad experience with food? What do you do to remediate the problem?

