## Sankofa: Go back to the past and bring forward that which is useful

## Session overview:

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## Session time

## Session schedule:

The Meaning of
"Sankofa" 15 minutes
"The Little Girl From
Everywhere" 15 minutes
"finding the story of your people" 15 minutes

Connecting the past with the present allows us to be more effective agents in shaping our understanding of the forces that will have the most positive impact on our collective future. The sankofa comes to us from the Akan people of West Africa. It symbolizes the Akan people's quest for knowledge with the implication that the quest is based on critical examination, and intelligent and patient investigation. In our quest, we honor those who have gone before us; they show us the way and teach us the strategies for survival, endurance and growth. But first we must find them. This session will be about considering some of the ways by which we might do that.

## Suggested Text;

The Fate and Freedom series, K.I Knight
UNVEILD The Twenty \& Odd documenting the first africans in england's america 16191625 AND BEYOND K.I.Knight

Arrival of the first Africans in Virginia, Ric Murphy

Session schedule:
Sankofa:

1. The "Sankofa Stretch" and "What does "Sankofa "mean?
2. What is the importance of Sankofa?
3. What is the Spirit of Sankofa?
4. What is the story of Sankofa?
5. What does the egg represent in the Sankofa symbol?

## The Little Girl From Everywhere

1. Introduction to and reading of my short children's book
2. Dedication and preface
3. Reading of the story

## Finding the story of your people

1. Talking about available resources for doing genealogical research.
2. Reading of another piece of mine called: "Finding Jacob Fletchall"
3. Concluding with the prologue as it will appear in all of my books in the Kansas Kids series

## Resources

Will be listed here

