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Grand Bahama Students enjoy 'Freedom Call' Art Exhibition

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A group of Social Studies third graders from Sunland spent an amazing morning on November 13th at "Freedom Call" Art Exhibition held at the Rand Nature Center. "An experience they probably will never forget", says their Social Studies teacher Mrs. Lavender Roberts, who explained how their visit was tied into the Social Studies curriculum. A section of this term's Social Studies curriculum taught the children about the African people who once settled here in The Bahamas which is a part of our heritage. The students were invited by Mr. Antonius Roberts, an artist from Nassau, Mrs. Chantal Bethel and Mrs. Claudette Dean from Grand Bahama who have presented numerous exhibitions.

Mr. Roberts, the curator, showed the students a video about the sculptures at Clifton Park, Nassau and entertained questions from the students. Mrs.

Bethel and Mrs. Dean had an opportunity to explain their expression of art related to the struggles and freedom of our ancestors.

Not only did the exhibition make things a little clearer for the children about our African heritage, they were introduced to some of our very own Bahamian artists. This experience gave the students an opportunity to develop an appreciation of fine art.

The three artists explained to the group of inquisitive and sparkling eyes that "Freedom Call" is a fine art exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic Slave Trade.

The art work on display were also presented by ten other artists out of Nassau and locally.

To all the artists, grade 3's Social Studies class are most grateful for such an awesome experience at such a tender age. They are now curious to ask questions about their heritage or about becoming an artist.

When asked how they evaluated the field trip, the children said, "It was the best field trip ever", "We had a great time."

The students were also accompanied by the other third grade teacher, Mr. Alopel Dixon and parents.