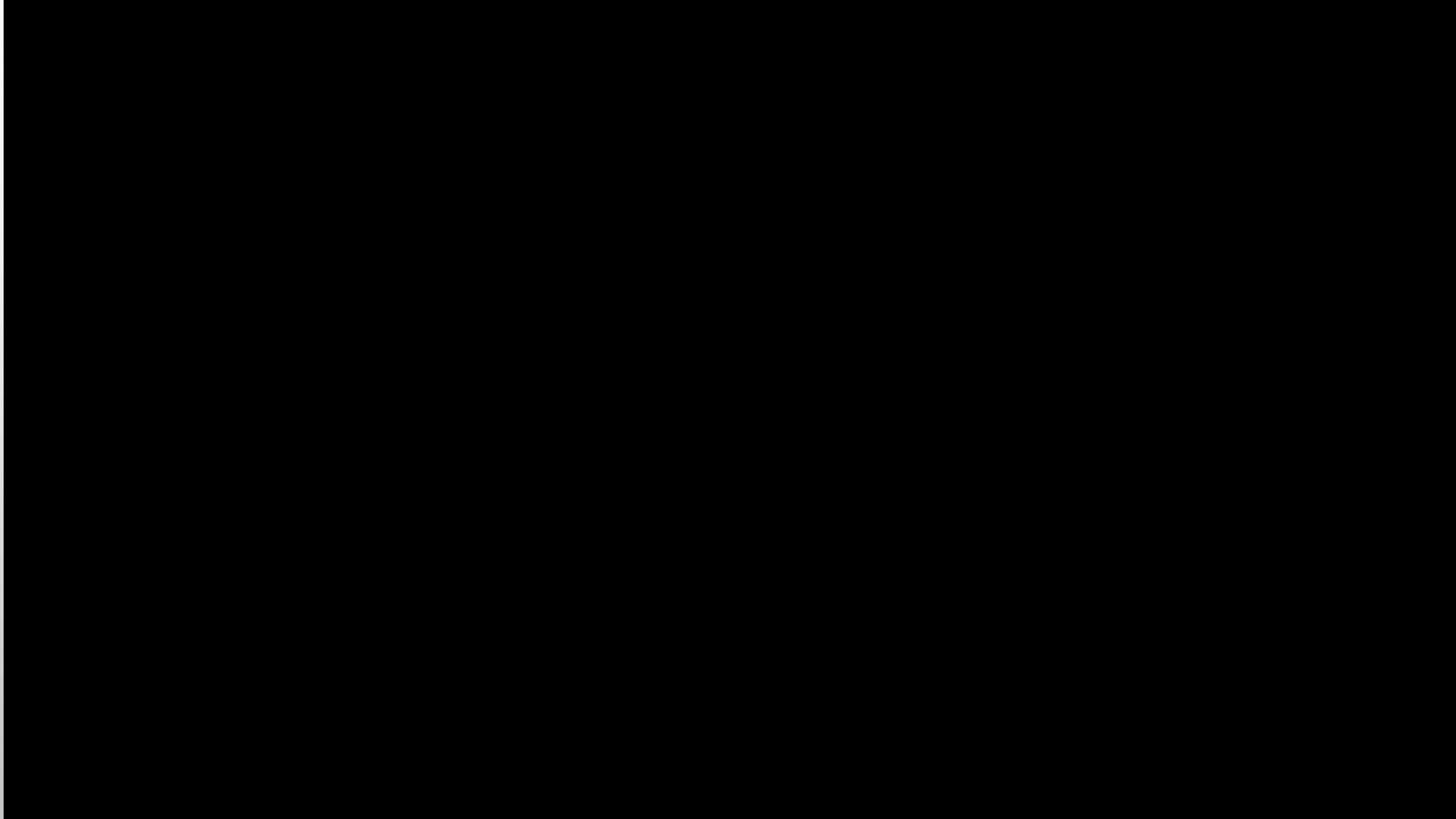


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# **SANKOFA: A RELIC OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND A CONCILIATOR OF PAN-AFRICANISM**

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# SLAVE SITES CENTRAL REGION-GHANA



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# JUSTIFICATION OF THE STUDY

Temple (2010) relates Sankofa as a diasporic practice responding to Maafa

Gerima's Sankofa

Sankofa and Pan-Africanism functioning as mediators of the Back-to-Africa movement

Thus, this study investigates the contemporary relevance of Sankofa to both diaspora and Ghanaians.



# PROGRESS OF PAN- AFRICAN IDEAS

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Black Power Movement

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Black Arts Movement (FESMAN and FESTAC)

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Pan-African Historical Theatre Festival  
(PANAFEST)

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Joseph Project

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Year of Return

## BACKGROUND OF SANKOFA

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Adinkra system of communication  
(Gye Nyame, Denkyem, Sankofa)

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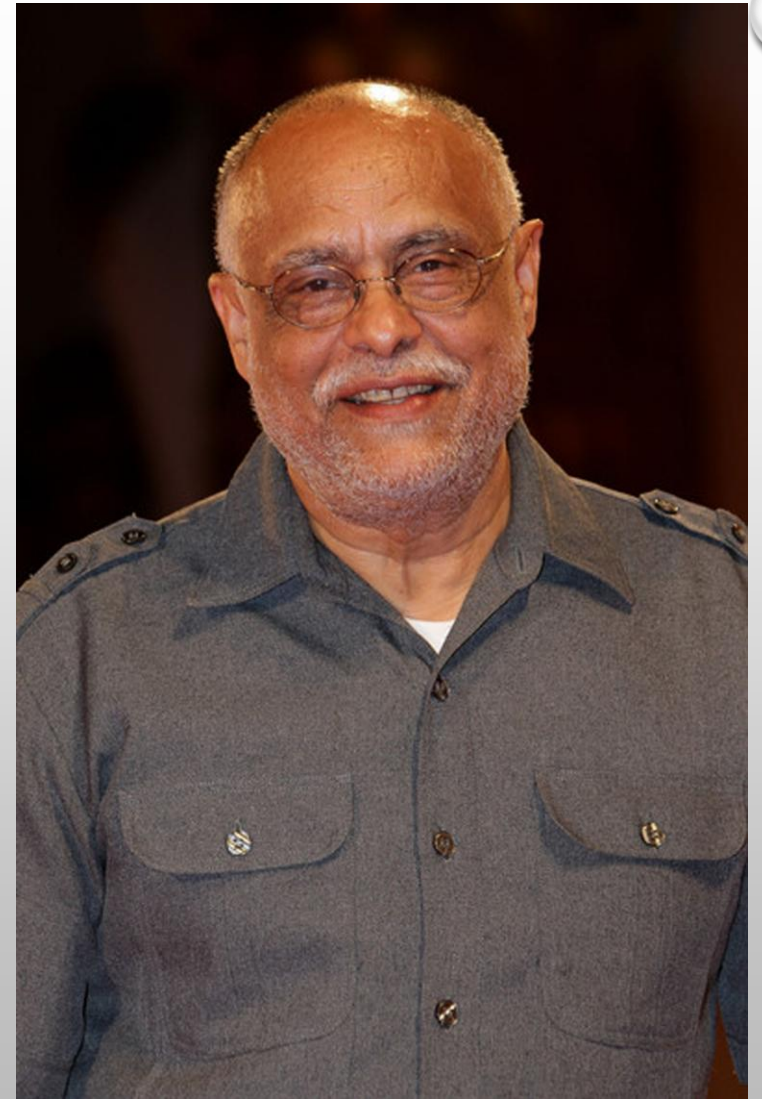
Sankofa: Go back to your roots  
or return to your source

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Sankofa as a maxim for both  
Ghanaians and diaspora

# SANKOFA IN HAILE GERIMA'S SANKOFA

- SPACE OF MEMORY
- RELIVE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ENSLAVED
- THE DOOR OF NO RETURN METAMORPHOSES TO THE DOOR OF RETURN
- ENFORCING THE SACROSANCTITY OF SLAVE SITES
- PROMOTING AFRICAN HERITAGE



# SYMBOLIZATION OF SANKOFA AT SLAVE SITES

- CULTURAL GRIEVING AND MOURNING
- SPIRITUAL HEALING
- RECONCILIATION AND REINTEGRATION



# YEAR OF RETURN 2019

- CITIZENSHIP STATUS
- RESETTLEMENT OF DIASPORA IN GHANA
- ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT
- CREATION OF BEYOND THE RETURN
- ANCESTRAL DNA SEARCH

# CONCLUSION

- SANKOFA FUNCTIONS AS A SOCIO-HISTORICAL PROVERB, HEALING THE COLLECTIVE TRAUMA OF THE ENSLAVED AND THEIR DESCENDANTS DISPLAYED AT SLAVE SITES. THUS, THROUGH SANKOFA, THE DIASPORA CAN FACILITATE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO THEIR HERITAGE.
- THIS STUDY REVEALS THE ESSENCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF SANKOFA AND PAN-AFRICAN IDEAS MOTIVATING THE RETURN OF AFRICAN DIASPORA TO GHANA.

**THANK YOU!**