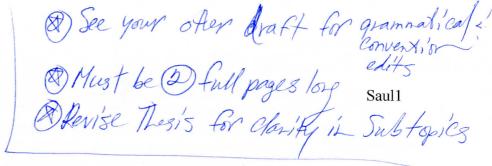
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Struggles on self-analysis

Mandy Hale once said, "If you learn to really sit with loneliness and embrace it for the gift that it is...an opportunity to get to know you, to learn how strong you really are, to depend on no one but you for your happiness...you will realize that a little loneliness goes a long way in creating a richer, deeper, more vibrant and colorful you." I grew up in the land of many waters.

A tropical place where the sun was always blistering hot and coconut trees were all over my yard. This land was, Guyana, South America. An English-speaking country with strong traditions of cricket and calypso music. In my process of self-analysis I had to deal with peer pressure,

stereotypes and the reading of my actions.

Peer pressure was one of the biggest reason I found it very difficult to find myself. This place was so different yet I couldn't allow myself to be different than others. I was an unfortunate victim of peer pressure. I let my friends and surrounding define the things I did and the ultimate way I react towards the uttermost situations

"Black women are hypocritical, loud mouthed and unprofessional," (I push to shatter these

barriers that are presented to me on a daily basis. I attended a school that lacks the sufficient funds and space for me and my peers. I see on the news the lives lost to negligence, while hearing the stories of minorities falling wayside because they lack educational opportunities.

These barriers cannot and will not deter me from my inevitable success. Embracing the premise that my life itself is predetermined based on my sex, race and religion does nothing but create

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