Point, Line Plane

Students used point, line and plane to illustrate and connect the life-shaping moments in the life of Ariana Miyamoto, Miss Universe Japan 2015. Ms. Miyamoto, of Japanese and African-American ancestry, has struggled to be recognized as Japanese throughout her life.

Frederic Ramey
Julian Apraicio
Jordan Thomas
Ebony Davis
Ariana Miyamoto: An Immeasurable Impact

Frederic Ramey

Born in Japan to Japanese mother & African American father in Sasebo

Parents divorce in 1995

Kids didn't want to go in the pool with her

Parents and children would call her kurombo, the Japanese N-word

Questions her mother and aunt on why she is different

She doesn't win Miss Universe but she made the Top 10

She decides to enter Miss Universe Japan Pageant to change the attitude about race/hafu

Decides to be an ambassador for ending hafu discrimination in Japan

Does 2 years in Jacksonville high school

Returns to Japan did not complete high school

Goes into modeling and also does odd jobs

Twitter is on fire and question on her win, but the majority people are mostly supportive

She is named Miss Japan 2015

(Ariana Mamiko Miyamoto)

Julian Aparicio
Born May 12, 1994 Sase’bo, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan her mom is Japanese and her father is African American.

Her parent divorced while she was 1 years old.

Children did not want to get into the swimming pool with her.

Children did not want to hold hands for fear that her dark skin would rub off on them.

Verbally abused by her classmates and their parents screaming “Kurombo”.

Anger grew inside Ariana, she began to question her mother about her physical appearance.

Ariana relocates to the Jacksonville, Alabama to live with her father and learn about her African American roots.

Learning to speak English was a challenge while living in Jacksonville, Alabama for two years struggling to adapt and fit in.

Ariana returned to Sase’bo, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan. She chose to work odd jobs and bar tending to make ends meet.

After finding out her friend committed suicide, she decides to enter The Miss Universe contest to help fight discrimination against the Hafu community.

Ariana runs for Miss Universe Japan 2015 and she won, but this also caused people to judge her fair skin claiming that she did not look Japanese.

Crowned Miss Universe Japan attempting to cease the discrimination about the Hafu community.

Ariana becomes an Ambassador to end discrimination in the Hafu community.

Pursuing her career in modeling and being a spokeswoman for the Hafu community. Loving the skin that she fits in.

Although she did not go on to become Miss Universe she was placed in the Top 10 sector.

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