**Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter**

**Introduction**

* Black are the people, who have long history and stories of great and inspirational past. They have the history of great activism. Such history and stories can be traced back to pre-colonial Africa.
* The women from African background, who are also writers, have often challenged the status-quo of the social, political and cultural realms of their own communities.
* J. Nozipo Maraire is a Zimbabwean writer, who has written the book, “*Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter*”. Her book provides the voice to those women, who have been silenced for a long.
* The main question, which will guide the paper, is that how this story can provide the knowledge about the Black women, which is necessary for activism and empowering Black Women.

**Black Women**

* *Zenzele: A Letter for My Daughter* is the story written by J. Nozipo Maraire. The story is about a Black mother, whose name is Shiri and she is concerned that her daughter might not lose her cultural values and living by getting engaged in the Westernized culture.
* Zenzele, is the daughter, who is set to do her undergraduate course in the American University. Her mother wants that her daughter may not lose her culture and social values in the Western culture, and thus she writes letters to her daughter.
* **Struggle of Black Women**: The Black women all over the globe have suffered and struggled through racism, oppression, exploitation and discrimination. The major part of the subject matter of the contemporary Black writers is that they highlight the physiological and psychological consequences of globalization.
* **Slavery and Colonization**: Africa and Africans have also faced the colonialism and international slave trade. And, thus African writers wants to “*participate in global decisions concerning survival and the future of humanity. They need access to the progress of globalization*”[[1]](#footnote-2).

**Conclusion**

* The African female writers have created the fictional characters to display their womanist tradition and to display their personal concerns and activism.
* African women have faced injustice, oppression and racism, which make their stories more connecting and close to life.
* The story displays that how a mother is concerned about her daughter, who is entering a new phase of life. Shiri is concerned that her daughter might not forget the importance of their own culture.
* Westernization and globalization has affected the social and psychological perspectives of people.
* Understanding such stories is important to empower the oppressed women of the society.

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