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#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The following questions connect to the entrepreneurship video series on black female entrepreneurs. The videos can be found at <a href="https://www.kansascityfed.org/community/economic-and-small-business-development/black-women-business-startups-a-report-by-the-federal-reserve-bank-of-kansas-city/">https://www.kansascityfed.org/community/economic-and-small-business-development/black-women-business-startups-a-report-by-the-federal-reserve-bank-of-kansas-city/</a> and run from four to twelve minutes each.

**GRADE LEVEL: 6-12** 

#### **CONCEPTS:**

Entrepreneurship, business, diversity

#### TIME REQUIRED:

15-20 minutes (including Smash Glam video, 5:55 minutes)

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER KEY:

- 1. How did Tiffany and Aisha launch their business?
  - A: Social media
  - B: Word of mouth
  - C: Through family
  - D: The internet
- 2. What was NOT part of Tiffany and Aisha's initial success?
  - A: Family support
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- 3. What services do Tiffany and Aisha provide through their business?
  - A: Decorating
  - **B:** Website imagery
  - C: Alterations
  - D: Hair styling
- 4. What do Tiffany and Aisha wish they knew when they started their business?
  - A: How to build the right network
  - B: How to reimburse investors
  - C: How to work fewer hours
  - D: How to hire quality employees
- 5. What is the next phase of Tiffany and Aisha's business?
  - A: Opening another location
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- D: Focusing on one specific service
- 6. What was Tiffany's primary motivation to become an entrepreneur?
  - A: Teacher encouragement
  - B: Pride in her skills
  - C: Moving to a new city
  - D: Losing her job
- 7. What made entrepreneurship difficult when Tiffany and Aisha first started their business?
  - A: Adapting to new clients
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- 8. In which industry is Aisha's skill set?
  - A: Photography
  - B: Beauty
  - C: Film
  - D: Technology
- 9. What did Tiffany and Aisha say would have made their entrepreneurial journey easier?
  - A: Knowing what they didn't know
  - B: Saving what they couldn't save
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- 10. Why did Tiffany and Aisha mention the importance of "building a system" as entrepreneurs?
  - A: To develop confidence
  - B: To lessen risk
  - C: To expand and grow
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#### **OPEN ENDED ANSWER KEY:**

- 1. What do Aisha and Tiffany say the process of building a business is like?
  - Answers will vary but may include: it's like constructing a system with finances, communication/marketing, and support from a network.
- 2. What are some advantages of turning a hobby or a passion into a business?
  - Answers will vary, but may include: having love or knowledge about that type of business; your interest keeps you invested in your success; etc.
- 3. How does having a business partner and/or a family play in being an entrepreneur?

Answers will vary, but may include: they can provide a support system; help motivate you; help you to accomplish your goals; serve as a source of inspiration; can possibly lend money or funding to help your business, etc.

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- 4. Think about a business you would like to start. What tools or support would you need to help you accomplish this goal?
  - Answers will vary, but may include: a reasonable budget; an advisor or business partner who can help answer questions and give advice; a healthy amount of background knowledge about the product/service you will sell; mentors with similar types of businesses; methods for getting your products made or services done; etc.
- 5. How might viewing your business from a philanthropic perspective affect how you see yourself as an entrepreneur?

  Answers will vary, but may include: a business focused on serving the community can help you feel more connected and accessible; you could make the environment surrounding your business more equitable for those who are underserved; you could give back to help future entrepreneurs start their businesses; etc.
- 6. What are some social and emotional challenges of building your own business?

  Answers will vary, but may include: loneliness, lack of support, low confidence in your abilities to make it happen or to be successful; feeling overwhelmed about what you do not know or need to learn; etc.
- 7. Why is understanding the "bigger picture" important in starting a business?

  Answers will vary but may include: it can help your business to grow, innovate, and adapt as needed; it could lengthen the lifespan of your business; it increases your footprint in the market; it helps you better understand how to reach various customers with your product or service; etc.
- 8. Entrepreneurs can use referrals to help their businesses grow. How would you increase referrals for your business?

  Answers will vary, but may include: additional marketing; surveying your customers to get feedback; providing discounts to existing customers for more business; etc.
- What do you wish you knew three years ago that you know now? Answers will vary
- 10. If you were a business owner and your business model included philanthropy, what area of philanthropy would you support?

**Answers will vary** 



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