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Newly-crowned Miss America suffers racist abuse

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THE READING

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The new Miss America Nina Davuluri has received a lot of racist abuse after she won the pageant on Sunday. She is the first woman of Indian descent to win. On Twitter, people questioned why a "non-American" is Miss America. Many tweeters mistook her for an Arab or a terrorist. One tweeter said: "They just picked a Muslim for Miss America. That must've made Obama happy." Ms Davuluri was born in New York and grew up as a Hindu.

This is big news in India. A newspaper wrote the racism started as soon as Nina received the tiara and before her tears were dry. It said the tweets ruined "the moment of triumph for the first ever Miss America of Indian origin". Ms Davuluri ignored the comments, saying: "I have to rise above that. I always viewed myself as first and foremost American." She was happy the contest embraced diversity and happy that children could see a new Miss America.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1142271/miss-america-faces-abuse-over-indian-descent>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-24122018>
<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/1st-america-indian-descent-slammed-arab-article-1.1457133#ixzz2f8cugIm4>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. after she won | a. of Indian descent to win |
| 2. the first woman | b. her for an Arab |
| 3. people questioned | c. as a Hindu |
| 4. Many tweeters mistook | d. the pageant on Sunday |
| 5. That must've | e. why |
| 6. grew up | f. made Obama happy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. before her tears | a. of Indian origin |
| 2. the first ever Miss America | b. diversity |
| 3. I have to rise | c. new Miss America |
| 4. first and | d. were dry |
| 5. She was happy the contest embraced | e. foremost |
| 6. children could see a | f. above that |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The new Miss America Nina Davuluri (1) _____ of racist abuse after she won the pageant on Sunday. She is the first woman of Indian (2) _____. On Twitter, (3) _____ a "non-American" is Miss America. Many tweeters (4) _____ Arab or a terrorist. One tweeter said: "(5) _____ a Muslim for Miss America. That must've made Obama happy." Ms Davuluri was born in New York (6) _____ Hindu.

(7) _____ India. A newspaper wrote the racism started as soon as Nina received the tiara and before (8) _____. It said the tweets ruined "the (9) _____ for the first ever Miss America of Indian origin". Ms Davuluri (10) _____, saying: "I have to rise above that. I always (11) _____ first and foremost American." She was happy the contest (12) _____ and happy that children could see a new Miss America.

BEAUTY QUEENS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about beauty queens in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **beauty queens** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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