

Afrocentrism
literally, "Africa at
the center"

- a theory about...

the growth of
civilizations

- the 1st great
civilization was
in Africa, namely
the Ancient Egyptians

- Many European civilizations copied various aspects of the Ancient Egyptians, especially the Greeks & the Romans

- Africa is considered a continent of dark-skinned people

- Europe is considered a continent of light-skinned people
- Afrocentrism implies that whites copied blacks
- therefore Africa was the place where great civilization started, and black

people started it
- in modern times...
Africa is "behind"
the rest of the
world, economically,
technologically,
socially

- Afrocentrism is a
way to "defend" Africa
historically.

-Afrocentrists
best evidence...

Olmec Heads

-Afrocentrism is
a form of...

Multi-culturalism

-a theory...

-all cultures are basically equal

-each culture, ancient and modern, is unique

-no culture is better or worse, superior or inferior, to any other

- therefore, every culture being equal is equally worthy of study

problem

- basically an anti-western civilization theory (anti-US & Europe)

- Euros. & Amers. have been racist,

destructive, invaders,
& enslavers

-never looks at
good done by

Euro/Amer

-never discusses
how many cultures

have picked up &

use Euro/Amer

ideas

-multi-culturalists hate what they see as

Euro-centrism, or history as seen thru European (western) viewpoint

- there is a debate in the Western world...

Multi-culturalism

vs

Assimilation