# Education, Critical Race Theory, and the Struggle to Reconcile the Haitian Other

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Haitians have a long and complex history in the United States. They were first brought to the country as slaves in the 18th century. After the Haitian Revolution in 1804, many Haitians fled to the United States, seeking refuge from the violence and instability that plagued their homeland. In the years since, Haitians have continued to immigrate to the United States, and they now make up one of the largest immigrant groups in the country.

Haitian students face a number of challenges in the American education system. They are often poor, and they may not have access to the same resources as their white peers. They may also face discrimination from teachers and administrators. As a result, Haitian students are more likely to drop out of school, and they are less likely to attend college.

#### **Critical Race Theory and the Haitian Other**

Critical race theory (CRT) is a framework for understanding the role of race in society. CRT scholars argue that race is not simply a matter of skin color, but rather a social construct that is used to justify and maintain inequality. CRT has been used to study a wide range of issues, including education, criminal justice, and employment.

CRT has also been used to study the Haitian experience in the United States. CRT scholars have argued that Haitians have been subjected to a long history of racism and discrimination. This racism has had a devastating impact on the Haitian community, and it has contributed to the challenges that Haitian students face in the education system.

#### The Struggle to Reconcile the Haitian Other

The education system has a long history of perpetuating racist ideologies and practices. This is especially true when it comes to the education of Haitian students. CRT provides a framework for understanding the role of race in education, and it can be used to challenge the dominant narratives about Haiti and its people.

However, there is still much work to be done to reconcile the Haitian other. The education system needs to be more critical and inclusive. It needs to challenge the dominant narratives about Haiti and its people. And it needs

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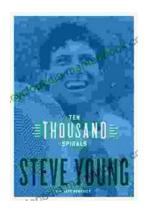
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