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Creating Diversity through Character Development

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David Gorden



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The Perceptions of Digital Arts

with Kasmira Mohanty

Presenter: David Gorden

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David Gorden is a creator, writer, and sequential artist who specializes in the creation of intellectual properties. Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, he fell in love with art, particularly visual storytelling, at a young age. David is a professional graphic artist and cartoonist and was a founding member of legendary St. Louis art crews Air Assault and later Mach One.

Influences & History



Question 1

Have you tried creating a character of another race or differing background from your own?

This is an important question as an artist.

- Heroes reflect people that they look up to.
- Everyone should see themselves in different roles.
- It's easy to fall into a trap.
- Understand what the character's experience is like before creating one that isn't familiar.



Question 2

How have you worked through preconceived ideas you may have when you create a character?

We all have preconceived notions of people like or different from ourselves.

- Avoid tropes.
- Recognize types, work against them.
- The magical Black man.



Question 3

What are your intentions when creating characters of a different background?

Make characters relatable to people consuming my content.

- Put all I've learned out into the world.
- Don't write from my bubble all the time.
- Show people a diverse world and the individual pieces it is made up of.



Question 4

What Black, Latino, Asian, & LGBTQ+ authors or creators do you follow or refer to?

There's A LOT

- Dwayne McDuffie
- Brian Stelfreeze
- Jim Lee
- Gabby Rivera
- Sanford Greene



Questions?

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