

# Kujichagulia

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Pronunciation - **Kujichagulia** (Koo'-jee-cha-goo-lee'-ah)

**Nguzo Saba** (En-goo'-zoe Sah'-bah)

## Chorus

It's the **Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagulia**, it's the **Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagu-lia**  
**Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagulia**, it's the **Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagulia**

M.C. Dee, I know that you're rough  
and when I hear your lyrics I can't get enough  
So break it down 'bout the **Nguzo Saba**  
And tell the people 'bout **Kujichagulia**

## Verse 1

Harken children and heed the secret  
What I gotta tell you is well worth seeking  
So listen if you're Indian or Black or Puerto Rican  
Knowledge is supreme, so peep it  
How would you like to be brave and stand firm and not afraid  
To be yourself, not ashamed of what Jah made  
See he made you and plus me too  
So just be confident and Jah will lead you  
To wherever you want to go  
just remember this  
Show and prove to yourself who you are so that you know  
And never think that you can get something for nothing  
Yo, I aint bluffing or full of stuffing, nothing from nothing is nothing

## Chorus

(**What !**) **Kujichagulia**, it's the **Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagu-lia**  
**Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagulia**, it's the **Kuji (What !)** **Kujichagulia**

M.C. Dee, I know you did rehearse, so  
Go right ahead and kick a next verse, yo

### Verse 2

So what's the secret of success, you want to know? I'll tell you  
It's **Self - Determination**, working our way on through  
Recession, or even a depression  
Could never stop the strength that's coming from this message  
In Swahili, **Kujichagulia** means **Self - Determination**  
**Kwanzaa's** once a year, so put this principle in effect everyday of your life  
Determine how your gonna spend your time each day and night ... for life  
This invincible principle gets in you, sensing you, hitting you  
On the strength sending you for endless miles  
Through tribulations, or even trials  
Dont be scared to throw your Will-Power into gear  
(With what)  
With **Kujichagulia**

### Chorus

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