

# Boogie Down Productions, You Must Learn

Just like I told you, you must learn

It's calm yet wild the style that I speak  
Just filled with facts and you will never get weak in the heart  
In fact you'll start to illuminate, knowledge to others in a song  
Let me demonstrate the force of knowledge,  
knowledge reigned supreme  
The ignorant is ripped to smithereens  
What do you mean when you say I'm rebellious  
'Cause I don't accept everything that you're telling us  
What are you selling us the creator dwellin' us  
I sit in your unknown class while you're failin' us  
I failed your class 'cause I ain't with your reasoning  
You're tryin' make me you by seasoning  
Up my mind with see Jane run, see John walk in a hardcore New York  
It doesn't exist no way, no how  
It seems to me that in a school that's ebony  
African history should be pumped up steadily, but it's not  
and this has got to stop, See Spot run, run get Spot  
Insulting to a Black mentality, a Black way of life  
Or a jet Black family, so I include with one concern, that  
You must learn

Chorus: Just like I told you, you must learn (twice)

I believe that if you're teaching history  
Filled with straight up facts no mystery  
Teach the student what needs to be taught  
'Cause Black and White kids both take shorts  
When one doesn't know about the other ones' culture  
Ignorance swoops down like a vulture  
'Cause you don't know that you ain't just a janitor  
No one told you about Benjamin Banneker  
A brilliant Black man that invented the almanac  
Can't you see where KRS is coming at  
With Elie Whitney, Holly Selosy, Grand Bill Woods  
made the walky-talky  
Lewis Latterman improved on Edison  
Charles Drew did a lot for medicine  
Garrett Morgan made the traffic lights  
Harriet Tubman freed the slaves at night  
Madame CJ Walker made a straightin' comb  
But you won't know this is you weren't shown  
The point I'm gettin' at it it might be harsh  
'Cause we're just walkin' around brainwashed  
So what I'm sayin' is not to diss a man  
we need the 89 school system  
One that caters to a Black return because  
You must learn

Chorus