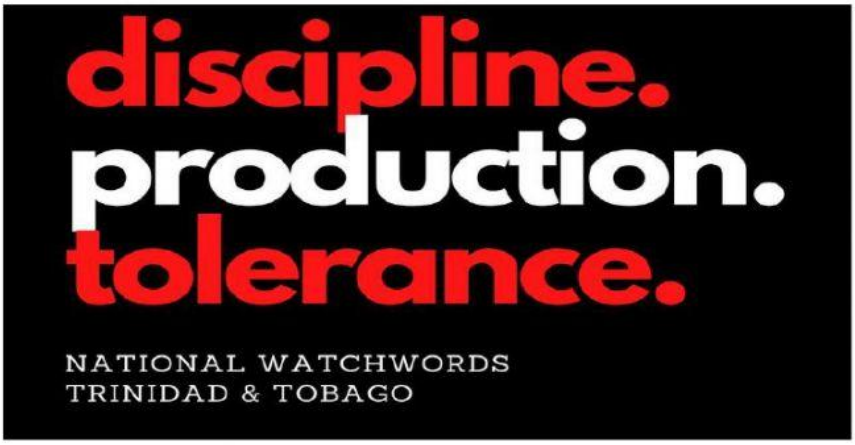
SOCIAL STUDIES

National Watchwords



In a message to the young people of Trinidad and Tobago: Dr. Eric Williams made a speech at the Independence Youth Rally, Queen's Park Oval on 30th August 1962, (the eve of our Independence from Britain), to the soon-to-be citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. Here he gave our country its National Watchwords.

"I have given to the Nation as its watchwords, Discipline, Production, Tolerance.

DISCIPLINE

The discipline is both personal and national; the individual cannot be allowed to seek his own interests at the expense of our Nation.

PRODUCTION

We must produce in order to enjoy. Wealth does not drop from the skies for any individual or any Nation.

TOLERANCE

Following the words of our National Anthem in our everyday behaviour, and to make our Nation one in which "every creed and race find an equal place."