

## Socratic Seminar Preparation Guide and Notes

Review your notes on the article that you read in your group and create claims around your ideas.

<i>Question</i>	<i>CLAIM</i>	<i>Evidence from article (Include Citation) You probably want more than one piece of evidence for each claim... what if someone ELSE uses your evidence??</i>	<i>Warrants/ Reasoning</i>
<p>Looking at the areas of your own life that we discussed in class on the first day of the unit (Career/Finances; Education; Physical/Health; Family/Social ; Spiritual/Values), how does this systemic issue relate to you directly or to someone you know?</p>	<p>Minorities typically make less money due to the lack of opportunities they have, leading to a hard time paying for living essentials.</p>	<p><a href="https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/milwaukee-evictions-spurred-covid-19-longstanding-racism-and-poverty">https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/milwaukee-evictions-spurred-covid-19-longstanding-racism-and-poverty</a></p> <p>“About 40% of African American renters, double the amount of white renters, in the Milwaukee metro area spent more than half of their incomes on rent, according to a 2018 study from the Wisconsin Policy Forum, a nonpartisan, statewide research organization” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p> <p>“One of the nearly 1,500 Milwaukee-area residents facing an eviction in June was Wyconda Clayton, who lives with her 20-year-old daughter in a townhouse owned by Business Ventures Investments. She is facing her fifth eviction with the company since 2018, according to an analysis of online court data” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p> <p>“Legal aid and housing advocates say a significant portion of low-income tenants lack any legal representation” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p>	<p>This quote pretty much goes over how Black people are the ones spending most of their paycheck on rent while white people are not. This clearly shows the disparities amongst the groups of people and it's not just in Milwaukee where this is happening.</p> <p>Once again, this quote is going over the number of evictions going on in the Milwaukee area. This just gives an understanding of how many people typically go through this. In this case, Wyconda Clayton is facing her 5th eviction, <u>5th eviction</u> !!</p> <p>This quote is talking about the actual help that people get when they get an eviction notice which really isn't much. So not only are underrepresented people leaving more aside from their paycheck to pay for rent, but when they get an eviction notice, they don't get legal representation and are instead put off to the side.</p>

<p>What did you already know about the issue and what new information did you learn about it?</p>	<p>Dating back to before the pandemic, minorities would struggle to pay rent because of the disadvantages they had compared to other groups of people.</p>	<p>“You have poor and low-income people who really care, who are still struggling (and) have to work two or three jobs just to pay rent,’ said Jacquleen Clark, an organizer with the Milwaukee Autonomous Tenants Union” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p> <p>“Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, about half of the renters in Milwaukee County spent at least 30% of their income on rent, making them ‘rent-burdened,’ according to the 2018 Wisconsin Policy Forum study” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p>	<p>This quote refers to low-income people who have to work up to three jobs in order to be able to have a place to live. This is mainly targeted at low-income people who are typically underrepresented people. This just shows the poverty and racism that goes on in just one area of the United States.</p> <p>This quote is talking about how before the pandemic, half of the renters would spend 30% of their income on rent. I never knew about this so this is something new. It really just puts into perspective how big the numbers are.</p>
<p>How do you feel systemic issues affect expectations and success?</p>	<p>Due to the limited opportunities given to minorities that live in low-income areas, minorities don’t get too far in life and lack the opportunities that most white people are born with.</p>	<p>“Milwaukee is both the nation’s most segregated metropolitan area and has the lowest rate of Black suburbanization in the U.S., according to a 2020 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee study” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p> <p>“Johnson, who is African American, said one example of her poor experience at the apartment involves lack of response from the maintenance staff, who she said treats her rudely and disregards legitimate complaints. She and her husband have complained for two years about a broken dishwasher, a missing front door on the building and other serious maintenance issues” (Hennigan and Zimmardi).</p>	<p>From this quote, we can gather the information that Milwaukee is an already segregated area meaning that there’s obviously going to be racism around the area. This means that there are going to be less opportunities for them and get put off to the side. It’s easier to discriminaize a group of people when they’re all in the same area.</p> <p>This quote goes over Johnson, an African American, who had filed multiple complaints about his apartment that needs a lot of fixtures. Instead of being helped out, he was repeatedly ignored over the course of 2 years. This just shows how minorities are put off to the side instead of actually being helped.</p>

*Extension Questions: (Write at least **two questions** you’d like to ask during the Socratic Seminar.)*

Question 1:	<i>Why does the government lack interference to help these individuals? What would get them to help out?</i>
Question 2:	<i>How do you think the racism/poverty topic ties into the other socratic seminar topics?</i>