

SOCRATIC SEMINAR STUDENT COMMENTS

Student 1: "You may have to work harder than others to reach ground level. You can always get there, but you have to work 10 times harder."

Student 2: "Environmental Racism is like closing down stores that we need like the Walmart so that we have to go out of our way and spend more gas money to get what we need."

Student 3: "I think of it like gentrification. King Drive changed because of gentrification with increased rent. A lot of people in Black communities can't afford the raised rent, so they have to move to places that don't look as good and tend to be more polluted and maybe not safe."

Student 4: "Might be easier to overlook the neighborhood because they don't push back as hard because they don't have the resources to fight back against it such as when a factory is put in."

Student 5: "High lead levels in blood are devastating, and leads to reduction in income and affects schooling. Children can't concentrate at school because of environmental factors that they have no control over."

Student 6: "When you go through poverty, your future is narrow because you can't prepare for your future. I have friend who found that out the hard way, and he fell into the streets."

Student 7: "Racism is engrained and is just like a norm."

Student 8: "Oppression is a reason for us to be in poverty. Not getting the best education so we can't get to college so you might turn to the streets to get money."

Student 9: "Podcast said that lawyers have 100 cases at a time. Public defenders have a lot on their shoulders."

Student 10: "Minority groups lack the resources to fight their cases."

Student 11: "Generational curses and cycles continue. You growing up, and you are seeing that because of the absence of a father figure, everyone is growing up with the mindset of being in jail and the cycle continuing."

Student 12: "People in poverty don't have the connections to see what is going on all the time."

Student 13: "Government is more focused on other areas that have more money. They need to make housing that is more reasonable."