
The Reading **“The 1857 Project: Extracting the poison of racism from America’s soul”**
by William H. Freivogel

Freivogel’s opening essay states: “Call it the 1857 project because one of the most important chapters in the nation’s story occurred here with the Dred Scott decision reading blacks out of the Constitution and the Lincoln-Douglas debates the next year over whether America could endure part slave and part free.”

Use this table to track evidence he provides for this claim by citing “important chapters in the nation’s story” (on the left) and the consequences of the events/occurrences (on the right).

Important event in the nation’s story	Consequences of the events/occurrences