

"How The Bad Blood Started"



A GUIDE TO LISTENING WITH CHILDREN

1619 is a New York Times audio series hosted by journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, who created The 1619 Project initiative for The New York Times Magazine. You can find more information about the podcast along with transcripts for listening at [nytimes.com/1619podcast](https://www.nytimes.com/1619podcast). Episode four explores how Black Americans have fought from the shadows of exclusion to create the nation's first federal health care programs.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE LISTENING

- What is health care? What does it mean for people to have access to health care?
- Can you name any Black medical professionals with important contributions to the history of medicine?

NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES, PERSONAL ANECDOTE

0:00-6:56

- What emotions come up for you as you listen to Hannah-Jones' story about her Uncle Eddie? Can you relate to any of the experiences her family went through?

PUBLIC HEALTH DURING RECONSTRUCTION

6:56-16:59

(Some graphic descriptions of violence)

- Have you heard about Rebecca Lee Crumpler before? What other questions do you have about her life & work?
- What does this section teach us about sharing unfounded or false medical & scientific theories?

HARRY TRUMAN V. THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

16:59-22:51

- Have you heard about universal healthcare before? Are you surprised to hear it is not a new idea in politics?
- What is your response to the AMA decision to campaign against Truman's plan?

MEDICARE & HOSPITAL DESEGREGATION

22:51-33:52

- Have you heard about William Montague Cobbs before? What other questions do you have about his life and work?
- How did passing the Civil Rights Act help lead to the desegregation of hospitals?

YAA GYASI READING "BAD BLOOD"

33:52-39:12

- What do you know about the Tuskegee Experiment Gyasi references in her poem?
- How does this poem help to illustrate the distrust some marginalized communities have in the public health system?

AFTER LISTENING ACTIVITY

Research local community organizations fighting to make positive changes to combat medical inequity.