Terms and Historical Events Cited in The 1619 Project Essays

Below is a partial listing of historical events and terms referenced in the issue. While many essays refer to terms and historical events that can be understood using context clues within the stories, some terms should be previewed with students prior to reading. Click here to access “The 1619 Project Reading Guide ( Essays ),” which includes page numbers, excerpts, and guiding questions for the 18 essays included in the project.

Affirmative Action
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie

The Affordable Care Act
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi

Capitalism
- “Fabric of Modernity” by Mehrsa Baradaran
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “Traffic” by Kevin M. Kruse
- “Municipal Bonds” by Tiya Miles

The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi

Cotton Farming
- “Fabric of Modernity” by Mehrsa Baradaran
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
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- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “Chained Migration” by Tiya Miles
- “Municipal Bonds” by Tiya Miles
- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
- “Punitive Criminal Justice” by Bryan Stevenson

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The Declaration of Independence
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones

Fiat Currency
- “Good as Gold” by Mehrsa Baradaran

The Freedmen’s Bureau
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee

The GI Bill
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee

The Great Depression
- “Good as Gold” by Mehrsa Baradaran
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond

The Great Recession
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond

Hurricane Katrina
- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad

The Industrial Revolution
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond

Jim Crow Laws
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “American Popular Music” by Wesley Morris
- “Why Can’t We Teach This?” by Nikita Stewart

The Louisiana Purchase
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond

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Lynching
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “Punitive Criminal Justice” by Bryan Stevenson

The Mexican-American War
- “Chained Migration” by Tiya Miles

Minstrelsy
- “American Popular Music” by Wesley Morris

The New Deal
- “Undemocratic Democracy” by Jamelle Bouie
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi
- “Traffic” by Kevin M. Kruse
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad

Reconstruction
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “Punitive Criminal Justice” by Bryan Stevenson

Redlining
- “Traffic” by Kevin M. Kruse
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad

Reparations
- “The Wealth Gap” by Trymaine Lee
- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad

The Revolutionary War
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones

Segregation
- “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- “A Broken Health Care System” by Jeneen Interlandi
- “Traffic” by Kevin M. Kruse

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Wall Street
● “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond
● “Municipal Bonds” by Tiya Miles