

## 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
- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond
- “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

**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

**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

- “Sugar” by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
- “Punitive Criminal Justice” by Bryan Stevenson
- “Why Can’t We Teach This?” by Nikita Stewart

**Wall Street**

- “Capitalism” by Matthew Desmond
- “Municipal Bonds” by Tiya Miles