

Tuesday, March 14

The 1619 Project, Music, and Communities of Faith
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Symphony No. 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAQEWxAZp4M>

1. Chapter 1 review (Democracy)

Key Names, Dates, Terms: Abolitionist, Bacon's Rebellion, Somerset Ruling, Crispus Attucks, Dunmore Proclamation, Slave Codes, Dred Scott v. Sandford, Reconstruction, W.E.B. DuBois, Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965

2. Chapter 2 (Race)

Key Names, Dates, Terms: Loving v. Virginia, Miscegenation, Moynihan's 1965 Report The Negro Family: The Case for National Action, Loretta J. Ross, Reproductive Justice

Think of a time when you had to specify your race or ethnicity recently. Do you think twice about these sorts of questions? What are your thoughts about the ways in which people are asked/forced to reveal their race or ethnicity?

How did this chapter change or add to your understanding of race as a social construct?

3. Chapter 3 (Sugar)

Key Names, Dates, Terms: New York Slave Codes, Middle Passage, Haitian Revolution, Triangular Trade, Nat Turner's Rebellion

In the upcoming Capitalism chapter, author Matthew Desmond is going to make the assertion that modern American Capitalism is every bit as severe in its treatment of people, and that its roots in American slavery manifest themselves every day. Khalil Gibran Muhammad (who wrote the chapter on sugar) refines this question slightly, asking: "Has our economy been built on the notion of personhood or profit?"

Further viewing:

High on the Hog (Netflix)

Hungry for Answers (Discovery+)

4. Chapter 4 (Fear)

Key Names, Dates, Terms: George Floyd, Black Lives Matter, 2021 US Capitol Insurrection, 1739 Stono Rebellion, Haitian Revolution, Toussaint Louverture, Nat Turner's Rebellion, Jim Crow Laws, Freedmen's Bureau, 15th Amendment, COINTELPRO

"Nothing has proved more threatening to our democracy, or more devastating to Black communities, than white fear of Black freedom dreams (102)"

Eugene's own CAHOOTS and Community-based policing were often put forth as exemplars following the George Floyd tragedy and calls for defunding the police. Based on this chapter's discussion of early law enforcement in the United States, as well as knowledge of current events and the over-policing of Black communities, does our community's model offer a viable alternative?

Chapters for next week:

5: Dispossession (pp.135-164), 6: Capitalism (pp.165-194), 7: Politics (pp. 195-218)