

### **Laramie Project Reflection Assignment**

Respond to both essential questions **giving at least 2 specific examples from *The Laramie Project*** to support each answer. You've already answered these questions in a general context. Now answer them **as they apply to *The Laramie Project***.

Essential Questions:

1. Are all people treated equally in this world?
  2. How can a past be so prevalent it always affects the future?
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### **"We Should All Be Feminists" Reflection Assignment**

Answer the following questions as they apply to "We Should All Be Feminists". Find 2 pieces of textual evidence to support EACH answer.

- a. Are all people treated equally in this world?
  - b. How can a past be so prevalent it always affects the future?
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### **13th Reflection Assignment**

Answer the following questions in paragraph form (5-7 sentences).

#### **PART 1**

1. "History is not just stuff that happens by accident. We are the products of history that our ancestors choose if we're white. If we are black, we are the products of the history that our ancestors most likely did not choose. Yet here we are all together, the products of that set of choices. And we have to understand that in order to escape from it." —

**Kevin Gannon, 13th**

How does this quote speak to our essential question about the past?

#### **PART2**

2. Crack vs Cocaine. Same drug (one powdered, one cooked) but used in different racial communities and carry different sentencing. Share your thoughts on how this contributed to mass incarceration. Use evidence from 13th to support your answer.

3. Super predator. Criminal. Think about the power of media and the power of words. Discuss media and how words impact the perception and criminalization of people of color, both in the past and the present (animalistic, violent, to be feared, threat to white people, criminals, etc.). Give modern-day examples.

### PART 3

4. PRISONERS FOR PROFIT. Were you aware of the Prison Industrial Complex and how corporations are profiting from incarceration?

- Were you surprised to know about ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council—a committee of politicians and corporations influencing laws that benefit its corporate founders and pushing forth policies to increase the number of people in prison and increase sentences)?

- Talk about CCA (Corrections Corporations of America, leader in private prisons that is required to keep prison beds filled—the leading corporation responsible for the rapid increase in criminalization) and how that impacts our communities.

### POST-VIEWING

5. Did you learn concepts that were contrary to what you initially thought or believed? How did this film shape your understanding of the prison system? What challenged your pre-existing view?

6. List three ways this documentary has impacted you:

- What did you learn?
- What insights did it provide?
- What questions do you still have?