

A K-8 section of the NYT about the lasting impact of slavery in the United States [Here](#)

Why Should You Know About the Year 1619?

History books do not always tell the truth.

Explanation:

- The reason is they are written by the writers who have heard the stories by their ancestors.
- They have not witnessed it so they do not know the truth.
- We have always noticed that different books tell different stories about the same incident.
- This is the reason the story doesn't seem to be the whole truth.
- It is mostly written by the victors.
- Another reason is they do care about people's sentiments so they do not tell the whole story.

Let's Focus on the section: "4 Common Myths About Slavery" (on the right hand side of the document)

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| <p>Jot down words that stand out to you:</p> | <p>Abolish, ancestors, enslaved, violence, criticized, slaver, freedom, savage, evidence, states rights, history, shame, ashamed, reality, textbook, enslaved people, TRUTH, evidence, escape, unhappy, civil war, reality, south, existed, comforting, property,slavery, Texas, beating, kill, workers, depending, violent, Civil War, painful, own, generous, unhappy, separated, unfair, misunderstanding, executed, conditions, text books, abusive, kind and generous, threats, escape</p> |
| <p>Is anyone uncomfortable with this information and should we ignore and hide this information so we don't feel uncomfortable?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yes, but we should fight back and tell the truth to the world, we shouldn't let anyone tell us what to do and do the right thing.--GB● Yes, but we should tell the truth--BP● Yes, but keep our eyes open and keep fighting, we want the real story.--BO● Yes, but we should never let anyone stop us from telling the truth.--IQ● I am kind of uncomfortable, but grandma experienced this information--JW● Yes, if we hide the truth eventually someone is go to find and feel like they have been living a lie.--AO● Yes, but learn about it and support Black people. --SL● Yes, because it'our history and |

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| | <p>even if we don't like it it is still our history--TC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes, this our country's history and we did something--ERP ● Yes, Even though Black People did not have the same skin color as us we should have treated them equally--AJH ● Yes, because it was unfair--MVM ● Yes, because my ancestors probably did it too.--ALW ● Yes, because it's our American Culture information--BFO |
| <p>What are the emotions that you feel when reading these myths?</p> | <p>Sad, upset, angry, depressed, very sad, forgotten betrayed, misplaced, alone, divided, not together, separated, DISAPPOINTED, bad, unknown, invisible, undiscovered, beaten, defeated, removed, excited to make change, impatient to learn the truth, unbelievable, guilty, mistreated, upset, expired, locked out, imprisoned, blank, camouflage, unknown, shameful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I feel happy that people are acknowledging the truth.--SL |
| <p>What is an important piece of information that you would like to teach others about American</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They weren't workers they were slaves--AO ● If it's not optional, it is slavery--BP ● Work with no pay is |

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| <p>History reflecting on the 4 Common Myths About Slavery?</p> | <p>slavery–IQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The owners were very mean to people who were enslaved.--VS● No to free labor ever in history–BP● Some people deserve to be treated better than they have.--MVM● The future can be better. –LFM |
| <p>Reading through the rest of the Document, what information would you want to learn more about?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Why were Black people enslaved and not white people–GB● Are there more myths about the history of people who were enslaved?--AO● I want to know if any white people were slaves?--BO● I want to know what their lives were before they were slaves.--ES● I want to know how people who were enslaved rise up–EE● Civil War–EP● Why did they start slavery–ERL● What other people were enslaved–EAP● Why we judge people by their skin color–ALW● Who started slavery and why they did it–BFO● How many people were separated from their families–TC |

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| <p>Read through the section “When I Became a Historian”. What is the importance of storytelling and how do we tell stories? List as many as your group can think of:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This story is bad because they lied about something, but good stories tell the truth about everything.--GB● Some stories tell the truth–IQ● You can tell a story by acting, words, dance.–AO● Telling your own truth–BP● Through books or through art GB● You can tell them through music–IQ● Through describing, simile and metaphor–JW● Using words that come from your heart.--LR● If you tell stories it helps people understand more-MVM● We tell stories about the past so the people you are telling the stories are prepared to not do it in the future–AJH● We can use picture to tell story and the reader can imagine the story in words–BFO● We tell stories through expression of music, dance, theater, and art–EP |
| <p>Is there anything else you would like to share?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Black People should not have been enslaved they should have been free–GB● No one should own you, you own yourself–IQ |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did white people know this was wrong—BP |
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