Reparations Argument: Evidence Gathering Guide

Directions: Look at the example below before answering for yourself.

Example:
In response to the question "*What, if anything, is owed to the descendants of enslaved Black Americans?,"* my opinion is that some form of monetary compensation is owed in order to "make good on the promises" of American democracy.

➢ Three arguments that **BEST** help me to defend my position are:

1. The failed promise of 40 acres and a mule and the GI Bill as well as the policies of redlining have caused Black Americans to be denied or limited in terms of housing opportunities.
2. The Wealth Gap - After enriching the country through picking cotton and other forced labor, enslaved Black Americans were freed without any money. They essentially started from scratch and that is the foundation of the wealth gap that now exists. The government turned their backs on them.
3. Integration didn't end racism and segregation. Even after schools and neighborhoods integrated, genuine equality does not exist.

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Evidence #1	**Evidence #2**	**Evidence #3**	**The Counter-Argument**
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