Excerpts from *We Do This 'Til We Free Us* by Mariame Kaba

Directions for educators: Use these quotes from the text to engage students in a gallery walk activity.

"Cages confine people, not the conditions that facilitated their harms or the mentalities that perpetuate violence."

"The doctrine of preemptive killing and preventative captivity finds expression in the daily lives of all Black people in the United States"

"When you say, 'What would we do without prisons?' what you are really saying is: 'What would we do without civil death, exploitation, and state-sanctioned violence?'"

"Our charge is to make imagining liberation under oppression completely thinkable, to really push ourselves to think beyond the normal in order for us to be able to address the root causes of people's suffering"

"People like me who want to abolish prisons and police, however, have a vision of a different society, built on cooperation instead of individualism, on mutual aid instead of self-preservation. What would the country look like if it had billions of extra dollars to spend on housing, food, and education for all?"