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### Outline

#### Introduction:

- How was Africa affected by the atlantic slave trade?
- Slave trade helped to create a robust regional trade
- Network for the foodstuffs and crafted goods of small producers and along the river.

#### Body:

##### 1. The Development of the Trade.

- Captives were transported to Europe in small numbers
- Largest cities in Europe was origened of Africans
- Enslaved Africans found in different continents

##### 2. Traders and Trade

- Wares sent to Africa in exchange for captives that could have been used as money
- Gold, and many more goods

##### 3. African's in America

- Africans were primarily sent to plantations and farms to work in agriculture
- The other part were placed as domestic servants

#### Conclusion:

## **Racism and Colorism Issues**

To begin, I would like to start talking about something that many African people have been facing for many years. Today I would like to start with colorism and racism issues that African people had to deal with before the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. Colorism and Racism are kinda of a similar but yet with different meanings. During the TransAtlantic Slave Trade people faced racism is a discrimination to a person do to color, race and religion. Colorism is a discrimination against individuals with a dark skin tone. This was a really hard time that many African people were going through. During that time they also had many heroes that helped with their people. They make sure everyone has the same rights and can be seen as equal.

To continue, I would like to introduce a book that I had in my previous classes and the knowledge that I have learned from. I enjoyed doing this essay because I can also add some ideas and knowledge that I had learned in my previous classes. For example, one of them is, In "Taking Sides" by Larry Mandaras. The Great Society was the name Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson C " LBJ" gave to a series of reforms aimed at addressing social issues. Some causes were, racism, poverty, lack of health care, the overwhelming power of corporations in our society. There were many things going on and it was seeing that people were not able to have healthcare, something that is very important for everyone and also a right. During that time the Great Society wanted to see if they had failed or gained but in this case they did not fail. Right here I will be introducing some pictures.



The Great Society did succeed at the time because it helped to reduce poverty and increased social mobility plus the middle class. Some positive outcomes that were helpful during The Great Society, were some programs that had an effect on the elderly, Black plus woman, and consumer protection. Not only that but much more there were two important points that Califano's essay was supported by statistics plus analysis from academic professional researchers.

However, adding more to The Great Society was an ambitious series of policy initiatives, legislation and programs spearheaded by President Lyndon B. Johnson with the main goals of ending poverty, reducing crime, abolishing inequality and improving the environment. The Civil Rights in 1965, when the Voting Rights Act was passed. There were 79 black elected officials in the South, this was another positive way to protect people during that time. Like, I have said before this was a very important issue at the time. This period of time was perfect and did not fail because it helped people and society as well. Many people were happy that the act was accepted and passed.

Another issue that was being faced at the time not only for people of color but also but females was called "Feminism". Feminism was and still is a very important topic in women's lives. I will still be adding my knowledge from my previous classes. It is very important to incorporate. As we know Feminism was divided in three different waves, the first wave of Feminism was between 1870-1920, the second wave was between 1967-1980 and the last wave from 1988 to present. This was a period where women after struggling to be able to have the same rights as men were finally able to achieve this goal. Also thank you to this empower women such as Susan B Anthony that also fought for civil rights, Margaret Fuller who did not give up until women get the right to vote which was their main focus. Another woman who was part of this big change was Gloria Steinem Betty who was focused on politics and equal right amendment but also had to face some struggles such as reproduction rights plus equal opportunities.

In the third wave which was the last wave of feminism and the one we are leaving in the present the empower womens who are now representing that woman now have equal right for example Hillary Clinton who was running for president of the United States for the first time and many other women who were giving the opportunity to access to power. As a woman I loved the idea of womens having equal rights as men, because now we are able to go out to work and be able to do our own thing without having to depend on men. Now we women are able to be more educated and be able to go to college to make our best.



To continue with another person who fought for people rights and was a big hero was Abraham Lincoln he was an important historical figure for a movement towards ending slavery and creating unity amongst all. On November 19, 1863 Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States gave the nation a speech called The Gettysburg Address, in which he addressed the Union soldiers killed at the Battle Of Gettysburg during the American Civil War. In the beginning of the address he stated “. A new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created”. Abraham Lincoln clearly demonstrates that the whole idea of the Founding Fathers building this nation was to have “freedom” and for everybody to be the same, no differences should exist among the people. It shows that this nation was built to have unity and that we must live up to it, because there is no difference between people. I’m a strong believer that we are all the same , even though they had some many heroes fighting discrimination doesn’t have an end.

However, during that time we were in a time of a “great civil war”, fighting towards equality and commemorating the lives that had been lost on the battlefield. Lincoln said “It is for us the

living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus so far nobly advanced”. Therefore, this means that we must live to what had occurred and which they fought for to bring equality to the nation.

To add on Abraham Lincoln said “... And the government of the people , by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”. This clearly shows that everything is built by the people, the people are who choose what they want or not. Therefore, since we are all in this one nation together no differences shall exist, whether you are colored or not. You should not have to fear injustices or battle in a field for your rights, because we were all created under the same principle of freedom and equality.

The life of African Americans before the Civil Rights was hard, because they did not have rights and women were not allowed to vote. The non-literary text “ The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander, in this text the author describes the racial discrimination, the uses of drugs and the depression of African American. Example “ News Papers most often covered the issue in a legislative context rather than a moral or legal one, and both rarely addressed slavery reparations in the context of it’s potential positive or negative effect on relations between U.S Blacks and Whites” (Zulu).



This is showing how they were covering slavery in the news papers, this is showing how they wanted to keep everything in the low and that’s very sad how they needed to do all of that. The other side now is good because everything is coming along with it, now they have more liberty



and also right something that is very important. On the other hand in Harlem poverty was a common issue in society for African Americans. People dealt with everyday problems like family, suffering, and sacrifice. As we saw in each week discussion in the article that you provide we saw how at the beginning many, many people were suffering so hard because of poverty and didn't have what to eat, also the separation of families. I remember seeing the video that you showed us in one of the classes. It was really hard broken to me seeing how people had to struggle. Being treated really poorly, no food, having things on their hands without clothes and no food. To me it was hard to see things like that, I always have heard of things like that but never thought it was actually happening until I saw the video.



Therefore, something that I found something interesting in the reading the author shows is that there was a clear double standard in the visual framing of the opioid crisis. Poor urban blacks were being affected the most because of racial disparity in journalism. Alexander called mass incarceration The New Jim Crow because, as a result millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement. Also the New Jim Crow challenges the Civil



Rights community to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America. As a form of public service announcement, the two officers promote their use of Naloxone spray accompanied by an account of how they “ saved a man from a potentially fatal overdose” just the week before.

Even until this day they are still fighting for their rights. There have been cases of racism until this day. One of them has been the abuse of the police, according to news the was pronounced dead after a white police had arrested him it went really viral that there was also a big manifestation because of this dead they had started a movement called “The Black Life Matters” there was millions of people marching in the streets in every state. Not only people of color have a hard time, also people from other countries, there is so much racism either for the language or the color. We as latinos also get hate from other people.



To start slavery has always been a big problem during the Trans Atlantic Slaver Trade, there has been many issues that needed to be addressed. Slavery keep on growing in political and economical significanse. There were also the emancipation movements generally involved in two different lines and they are “opposing the slave trade and opposing slave”. In the 19th century Britain decided to do a complaint in saving the slaves to be free.

To begin there were many groups that were trying to help slaves to be free. In the 19th century there was a big campaign that was being digired by William Wilberforce. He was trying to end slavery from growing in the British Colonies. There was many conflicts that was happening at

the time but the biggest one was slavery this was having many regions separate from each other some of them wanted to end with it meanwhile others kept on going.

Slavery was abolished by the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, by the President Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War. President Lincoln fought a lot for things to slow down and finally free the slaves because they had so much pain, not being well taken care, no food and being treated in very bad circumstances. It's really sad to see videos like this, pictures that describe everything they have had a long way but along the way liberation has been applied in some countries of the world. The abolitionists were finding different ways for the plan to work and everyone was safe.



I did my own research and it says “Great Britain was one of many nations that treated people like slaves, and that Great Britain supported abolition in America only because it would work to the British advantage” (Gray). This shows that Great Britain was one of the biggest nations and had more slaves and they were being treated poorly. To keep going the Trans-Atlantic was affecting so much Africans, the slave trade was seen as crimes against human, by the 1830s there was many changes that they have adopted the Black and White Americans also many new rules were accepted at the time do to religion and color. Thank you to the Civil Right things like this stop it and people are free and available to do more things. One example is going to school before there was inequality not only for people of color but also for womens, even in the busses.

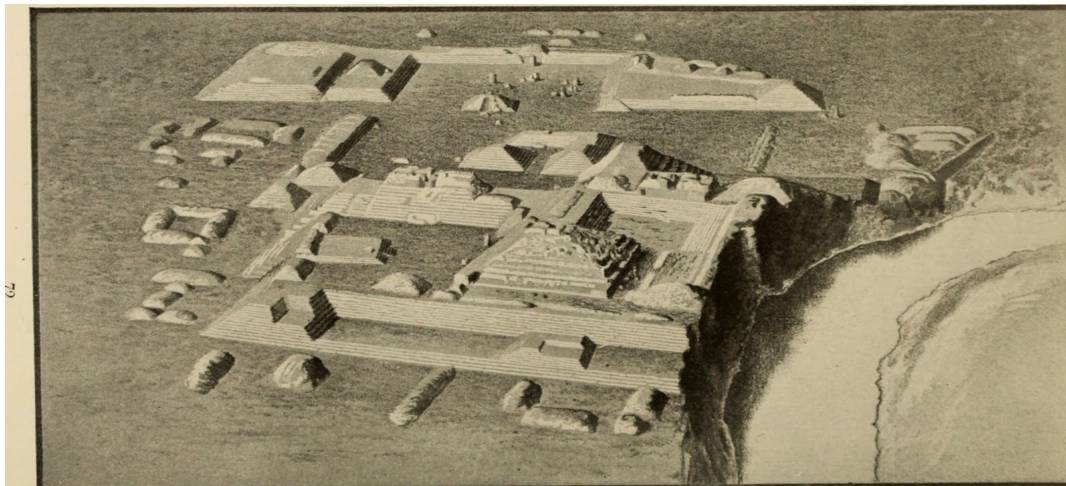
I remember I was taught in high school there were preferences in the bus when a white person enters the bus. If a person of color was sitting they had to get up and give them the seat which I don't think that's fair. Everyone should have been treated equally also about school. There was no equality. People of color were being treated badly just because of it, they



Adding more to my essay watching the video of 'Africa before 1500' Africans were seen as slaves much before that and how some were sold to Europeans and many other colonies. Also many Africans were being sent to other countries to work. I loved watching those videos because I have learned much more about the Africans culture, I have seen a better view of what I have learned before. While watching this video I learned much more about how they moved to different parts of the world because of the changes in the climatic system and that helped them to build their own civilization. African people were rich in their good and were also able to trade it. Therefore Sahara desert was also a very significant desert for Africans and they're culture is rich for the amount of languages that they know and the diverse culture they have, there's much more they were really smart people, their education was really up.

However, Ancient Civilization in Africa was very important in history because Africa was what gave life to the other cultures that we have now. In one of the videos of Henry Gates Jr. he was

able to experience and live the real experience in the culture, also as mentioned before ancient civilizations were rich in many things that they had such as art, technology and architecture. This was also good because by Henry Gates Jr. he gave light to the life of African People he was able to spread this to a lot of more bigger kingdoms as also at the begging Queens were not that strong to be able to make a change but after some time Queens were able to have a good condition to contribute on this. Also another person that contributed to Africa was King Alfonso. He made many changes, one of them was creating schools giving kids education, he wanted to make Africa better also in his plans was to teach people about religion and lastly teach them about agriculture.



Finally, thank you for the adoption of the Civil Rights, the lives of millions of colored people went back to normal and were able to be free to work and do many changes. Kids were able to have education, equal rights, same things as their mothers were able to get educated and have a better job not like before they were serving in houses also being able to vote. Voting is a big privilege because you make your opinion heard that helps a lot to the country, as we say every vote counts . As mentioned in the reading we had for the class “Education was important for

Black Americans” they needed the education to keep moving in society, education was going to open many doors to them and they knew if they work hard they will be able to make a big change to society. Nowadays we see that there is more equality with people. That’s how it should have been since the beginning, because we are the same. We saw in the reading that they had some many potential.

In conclusion, to finish there was many problems during that time with African people that they had to face but they did have good heroes that did everything to save them from slavery but is still sad to see how much people suffer and died from not being not well treated and not being good server with food water. Necessary things that they need, hopefully we can show to the world that we are the same and the color is just a color. We are all the same no matter of the color, race or religion. I enjoyed taking this class so much and also love the knowledge I got it from it. No matter how many struggles they went through, they overcame everything and it is nice to see how many people are becoming professional to take their families out. Also something big happened on January 20, 2009 we had the first President of color which was Barack Obama the 44th president of the United States, he did amazing things for this country and was reelected for another 4 more years period in the Presidencia. To finish, color is just a color that everyone should be treated the same no matter what, because we are all humans and deserve the best for our families.



Link for the presentation:

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