

## Unit 2 A Different Mirror Reading Guide

### Unit Enquiry Questions:

1. How did slavery affect the social, political and economic lives of African Americans and the development of the United States?
2. How did the Civil Rights Movement succeed in affecting change? How did it fall short?
3. What is required to build a movement for change in the United States?
4. What are the different perspectives on civil liberty within the African American community?

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### Vocabulary

indentured servant	exploitation	interracial
servitude	class war	elite
underclass	rebellion	rabble
militia	squadron	insurrection
abolition	inferior	Prejudice
sharecropper	tenant farmer	boycott
New Negro Renaissance	unconstitutional	alliance
NAACP	congregation	rabbi

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### Discussion Questions for A Different Mirror, Ch. 3 The Hidden Origins of Slavery, pgs. 47-65

1. Compare and contrast indentured servitude with slavery.
2. What were the differences between Barbados and Virginia's use of slaves? Why did Virginia resist becoming like Barbados?
3. At first, there were both white and black indentured servants. How, if at all, were they treated differently?
4. What was Bacon's Rebellion? Why were landowners so threatened by it?
5. If you wanted to make sure that slaves stayed on the lower rungs of society, what laws would you create and enact?
6. Explain Jefferson's "the ears of the wolf" metaphor.
7. How do you explain the profound paradox of how Jefferson lived and what he thought about slavery?

**Discussion Questions for A Different Mirror, Ch. 13, Blacks Arrive in Northern Cities, pgs. 255-271**

1. In what ways was the life of a sharecropper different from or like the life of a slave?
2. How have black people in the South changed since emancipation?
3. How did many white southerners regard young blacks in the early twentieth century? Why?
4. How did African American migrants counter the racism they found in Chicago?
5. Describe the demographic changes of Harlem from 1790 to the present.
6. How did the Great Depression affect various races and classes, especially African Americans?
7. Why did unemployment rates differ between blacks and whites?
8. Discuss the roles of unions in ending racial discrimination.
9. Explain the widespread shift of black Americans from Republicans to Democrats.

**Discussion Questions for A Different Mirror, Ch. 16, New Waves of Newcomers, pgs. 303-316**

1. How did Brown v. Board of Education affect US schools?
2. What was the significance of the actions of Rosa Parks?
3. Why were lunch counter sit-ins held? Why were they important?
4. What do you know about the August, 1963 March on Washington?
5. Why do you think so many Jewish people felt they should be involved in the Civil Rights Movement?
6. Why was black and Jewish solidarity eventually threatened?
7. Not all African Americans were satisfied with the tactics Martin Luther King, Jr. used to fight racism. Why?
8. What did the 1964-65 civil rights laws do? Do you think they solved the problems of racism?