

Urban Injustice

Reading Guide

Overall Question: Despite the fact that segregation has existed throughout American history, the truly abysmal 'modern ghetto' emerged only during the last fifty years. Why? What happened?

Chapter Two: "Pillaging the Ghetto" (14-28)

1. In what ways do African-Americans face discrimination in the job market? (14)
2. Understand the 'index of dissimilarity'. (15)

PILLAGING THE GHETTO

3. Job Competition (16)
4. 1900-1950 Race Riots (16)
5. Neighborhood Improvement Associations (16)
6. Early 20th Century Segregation (16)
7. Differences between immigrant & black political patterns (17)
8. Ghetto Population Increases (17)
9. 1948 Supreme Court Ruling (17)
10. BlockBusting (18)
11. Federal Road Building (18)
12. FHA & VA Mortgages (18)
13. Home Mortgage Interest Deductions (18)
14. Black & White Integration Comfort Zones (18)

PUNISHING THE CHILDREN

15. Local Funding for Schools (19)

16. 'Non-educational' problems of school kids (19)

17. Magnet Schools (19)

18. Voucher Schools (20)

19. 1896 *Plessey v Ferguson* (20)

20. 1954 *Brown v Board of Education* (20)

SICK AND POOR

21. Health Insurance System (20)

22. Medicaid System (21)

23. AIDS (22)

24. Lead Poisoning (22)

25. Asthma (22)

26. Hunger (22)

27. Iron Deficiency (23)

28. Chronic Otitis (23)

A SECOND GHETTO: PRISON

[29. "Three Strikes and You're Out" \(24\)](#)

[30. Plea Bargaining Practices \(25\)](#)

[31. War on Drugs \(25\)](#)

[32. Crack & Powder Cocaine Double-Standard \(26\)](#)

[33. Drug Treatment vs. Criminal Justice System \(26\)](#)

[34. Reduced Funding for Anti-Poverty Programs \(27\)](#)

[35. Post-Incarceration Discrimination \(27\)](#)

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[36. Health Insurance System \(20\)](#)

[37. Medicaid System \(21\)](#)