


ESOL Choice Board for Grades 6-8

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<p>Read this excerpt from <i>The 1619 Project</i>: “In August 1619, just 12 years after the English settled Jamestown, Va., one year before the puritans landed at Plymouth Rock and some 157 years before the English colonists even decided they wanted to form their own country, the Jamestown colonists bought 20 to 30 enslaved Africans from English pirates. The pirates had stolen them from a Portuguese slave ship that had forcibly taken them from what is now the country of Angola.” —Nikole Hannah-Jones, <i>The 1619 Project</i></p> <p>After you read the excerpt, take a look at this photo and the caption below it.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">A demonstrator at the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to fight for black suffrage. Bruce Davidson/Magnum Photos</p> <p>What does the excerpt and the photo make you think of? Write a sentence here: _____</p>	<p>Click here to access the full issue of <i>The 1619 Project</i>. Scroll to p.4, and read the first column.</p> <p>What information from this text confirms what you already know about American History? Fill in the blank: <i>Some information that confirms what I already know about American History is _____.</i></p> <p>What information from this text challenges what you already know about American History? Fill in the blank: <i>Some information that challenges what I already know about American History is _____.</i></p>	<p>Look at this excerpt from <i>The 1619 Project</i>:</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Before the abolishment of the international slave trade, 400,000 enslaved Africans would be sold into America. Those individuals and their descendants transformed the lands to which they’d been brought into some of the most successful colonies in the British Empire. Through back-breaking labor, they cleared the land across the Southeast. They taught the colonists to grow rice. They grew and picked the cotton that at the height of slavery was the nation’s most valuable commodity, accounting for half of all American exports and 66 percent of the world’s supply.</p> <p><i>What evidence does Nikole Hannah-Jones cite to support her claim that enslaved people “and their descendants transformed the lands to which they’d been brought into some of the most successful colonies in the British Empire”?</i></p> <p>Write your answer here: _____ _____</p> <p>and if you need some support citing evidence, try one of these:</p>	<p>Click here to access the full <i>1619 Project</i> podcast. Listen to the first episode, then:</p> <p>When listening, jot down one sentence from the podcast that caught your attention. Write your answer here: _____ _____</p> <p>Why did this information catch your attention? Write your answer here: _____ _____ _____</p>	<p>But it would be historically inaccurate to reduce the contributions of black people to the vast material wealth created by our bondage. Black Americans have also been, and continue to be, foundational to the idea of American freedom. More than any other group in this country’s history, we have served, generation after generation, in an overlooked but vital role: It is we who have been the perfecters of this democracy.</p> <p>The United States is a nation founded on both an ideal and a lie. Our Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776, proclaims that “all men are created equal” and “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.” But the white men who drafted those words did not believe them to be true for the hundreds of thousands of black people in their midst. “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” did not apply to fully one-fifth of the country. Yet despite being violently denied the freedom and justice promised to all, black Americans believed fervently in the American creed. Through centuries of black resistance and protest, we have helped the country live up to its founding ideals. And not only for ourselves — black rights struggles paved the way for every other rights struggle, including women’s and gay rights, immigrant and disability rights.</p> <p><i>According to Hannah-Jones, how have Black Americans made themselves the “perfecters of this democracy?”</i></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the text "_____"• According to the author "_____"• The text states "_____"• The author states "_____"		<p>Need some support starting your response? Try this: <i>Black Americans have made themselves the "perfecters" of democracy by</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Bonus: Try speaking your response instead of writing! Click here to use Vocaroo, a service that lets you easily send and receive audio files online.</p>
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