

W-Seminar

Black Lives Matter

Understanding African Americans in the USA today

How to overcome slavery and old power structures in contemporary America.

We'll be looking at modern day America and research where we can still find old power structures and their effects on society.

We'll be asking questions like

'Where is the root cause for police brutality towards blacks?'

'Why do we say black Americans or African Americans?'

'Why is America not the land of liberty and equal opportunities for everybody?'

'What happens when a black man starts talking to leading members of the KuKluxKlan?'

We'll be watching documentaries like 'The 13' or possibly the film 'the hate U give.'

There have been many groups who have tried to change old power structures in the USA like the Black Panther Party with their 10 point program, famous leaders like Martin Luther King or Malcolm X. What's their legacy in American society? There are strong statements in music, literature and Art giving us an African American perspective. What are the messages conveyed and how could this help Americans to bridge the gap between the old and the new? What needs to be done in the future to make people see PEOPLE instead of color?

Possible topics for written assignments are:

1. An African American Dream: What the USA would look like today from an African American perspective
2. The Black Panther Party and its role in the development of the Black Lives Matter Movement