

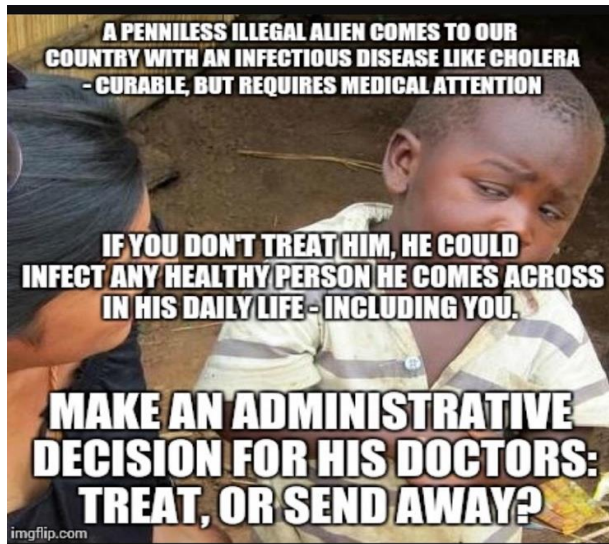
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Many people alive have had the opportunity to relate back to many historical technologies by gathering evidence from prestige eras and from American history that have helped many people in today's day and age be informed and influenced about current events that are occurring. Many people place their ideas and beliefs in past historical relations in order to interrupt events that are happening globally, American history has helped many people and historians come to conclusions about certain world events that have happened in the past and that they believe are bound to happen in the future. There are many sources and past evidence that relate to history today and that many people can make an argument about and originate their opinions on. There have been many artifacts and sorcerers that relate back to times such as; Pre-Columbian America , The Civil War and reconstruction era, and the American revolution and antebellum religious/reform era, all of these prehistoric events have helped many different cultures develop ideas and motives about current events happening around the world which affect different people.

Source/Artifact 1:



Cholera first appeared in the United States in 1832, arriving with European immigrants causing a worldwide pandemic in many different countries and ultimately causing fear and panic amongst many people in America. The epidemic killed thousands in Europe and America and the arrival of the pandemic adopted a vital fear from foreign immigrants and other communities. America has had a history of pandemics and epidemics that have caused many illnesses and severe deaths amongst those who lived in cities as well as the countryside. In 1832 many people scattered and faced fear of Cholera, "In its most virulent forms, it was a highly efficient killer and often resulted in a 50% mortality rate among its healthy adult victims" (The 1832 Cholera Epidemic. (n.d.). Retrieved December 06, 2020,). The disease spread throughout Europe and other major countries, many countries such as Britain enacted several actions to stop the spread such as implementing quarantine and establishing sanitation guides and restrictions that implemented safety for the health of the people. The cholera pandemic lasted till 1923 because by then colored cases had dissipated throughout much of the world and during the late 19th century scientists knew how cholera was spread and caused, they ended up taking measures to prevent the spread

of the readily disease that killed thousands of people globally. The quote above references “A penniless illegal alien comes to our country with infectious disease like cholera- curable but requires medical attention”. The medical attention that was gathered throughout the time of the cholera pandemic was reliable in preventing the spread of the infectious disease and many scientists globally found ways to prevent the spread of the disease such as scientist Jon Snow who in 1854 mapped cholera cases. “Jon Snow, who is considered one of the fathers of modern epidemiology carefully mapped cases in the Soho area of London, allowing him to identify the source of disease in the area” (History.com Editors. (2017, September 12). The disease was killing thousands and infecting a plethora of communities which required extreme medical attention and scientific attention. The quote further goes on to say, “If you don't treat him, he could infect any healthy person he comes across in his daily life including you”. This meme relates to the coronavirus pandemic that is occurring in 2020 it is almost the exact replica of the Cholera virus in the way in which it spread. The Coronavirus spread throughout China and throughout the world at a rapid pace causing major lockdowns which impacted the United States and various other countries from foreign spread. There have been endless memes and tweets about how there has been a pandemic in America and a pattern can be seen which can include: The Plague in 1720, Cholera in 1820, The Spanish Flu in 1920 and the Coronavirus in 2020. These flus and pandemics have caused the world to lockdown and thus implemented safety hazards during these crucial times. The Coronavirus has led to the shutdown of America and placed the United States at risk and on lockdown which primarily closed small business, limited religious gatherings and only made essential businesses and corporations open. Back in April the spread was starting to get worse which was informative thru several news sources and it started infecting mass numbers of people which caused many deaths especially those who were older in

age. The CDC recently updated estimated infection fatality rates for COVID and the updated survival rates based on age; 0-19 years old, 99,998 percent; 20-49 years old 99.98 percent; 50-69 years,99.5 percent; and 70 years old or older,94.6 percent.(Mora, E. (2020, September 26). The Corona Virus has ended up becoming a political warfare between the republican party and the democratic party. President Trump's main goal is to open the country back up and start the economy up again making the United States flourish once again by not closing small businesses and opening up the country. Democratic running mate Joe Biden wants to close the country and enforce lockdowns by closing small businesses and enforcing democratic state governors to make restrictions within their states ex; California's new restrictions and guidelines in 2020. Many politicians have spoken up about their beliefs on the Corona- Virus and different opinions about the topic have been placed upon the people, many of the American people's views are different when it comes to topics about the coronavirus because of the certain aspects surrounding the death rates and survival rates that are shown from the CDC. The concern overall is safety and whether or not the United States can open the country back up with enough precaution when it comes to a virus that has affected the lives of millions globally.

Source/ Artifact 2:



The quotation above is from a spokesperson who is the national media director and Spokesmen of the Black Conservative Movement, the quote gives off interesting relations about the history of slavery in the United States and the never-ending battle of racism and segregation between the democratic party and their views. "It will quickly become clear that only one party has fought for the freedoms of Blacks, socially, politically and economically". The quote above lists how leaders and members of the Black Conservative Movement feels towards the opposing party which is the democratic party. This quote revolves around of history that can relate back to the historical events that take place around the civil war and the era of reconstruction which took place right after the civil war ended in 1865 and reconstruction lasted from 1865 to 1867 and it primarily focused on the legal status and freedoms that African Americans could now obtain. By the end of the war there were a plethora of casualty's deaths but to ensure the end of slavery republicans drafted the thirteenth amendment during the war, this prohibited the legal end of slavery, but it also didn't stop discrimination and segregation in many places in the states. By putting a legal end to slavery, it ensured African Americans rights to be deemed as "free" people.

Lincoln had a plan to reconstruct America and the political upheaval that was occurring, he focused on making a plan before the war even ended and it implemented that there would be full pardons and restoration of rights for confederates and he also planned on giving freed people no civil rights, this ultimately angered the radical republicans because they wanted to see freed slaves succeed without limitations and they were angered that Lincoln's plan didn't provide provisions for civil rights. Congress ended up passing a bill that was known as the Wade Davis bill in 1864 which was a congressional plan for reconstruction and gave freed people civil rights. Throughout history many POC have been given rights as time goes by and it is from the era of reconstruction where we see the republican party start enforcing civil rights towards African Americans. With the passing of the 14th amendment it allowed all persons born in the United States to be deemed a citizen including former slaves and it protected their rights of equal protection under the law. The passing of the 15th amendment also helped give African Americans the right to vote and it said that they couldn't be denied the right to vote. This helped execute a lot of the reforms that many African Americans were hoping to be relieved of and it did help them gain freedom but there were also some places in the South where black people were mistreated unfairly due to the state legislators placing literacy tests, poll taxes and black codes to prevent the existing freedom of black people. This ultimately is what ignited the civil rights movement and what banned segregation amongst schools and other public places with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. To decipher this, quote the topics that you would need to know revolving around the topic would be the abolishment of slavery, the era during reconstruction as well as the parties formed in order to establish a political democracy. To interpret this quote, you would also need to understand what is revolving around black people's rights nowadays and the way in which POC are treated by specific groups and political parties. In the 2020 election

President Donald J Trump proves statistically wise that he has done more for the black community than other presidents in recent history, with Trump as the president the black unemployment rate reached a new low. Trump fought to implement the first step act which is the largest criminal justice reform project in recent history and it released thousands of people from jail (90 percent of whom were black), he also increased federal funding to historically black colleges and universities by 17 percent- more than any president in history. As a republican candidate Trump has been a pivotal role in helping African Americans compared to former democratic president Barack Obama who was the first African American president as well as 2020 president elect Joe Biden. Former President Obama was a representative of the black community and during his administration infamously removed a two-year Bush-Administration program that annually funded \$85 million directly to the prized black institutions. President Elect Joe Biden also created a crime bill in 1994 which dealt with mass incarceration and it led to more prison sentences, more prison cells and more aggressive policing towards POC. The system racism that is occurring today is from the class of elites who are trapped in lower societies and this makes sure elites stay in power by placing dominance over the lower class that has now been created and the crime bill that was passed by Biden relates to systemic racism. Many people in poverty aren't able to afford lawyers to fight allegations and thus end up in jail and in more poverty leading to more crime. The quote illustrates history that is important to understand, and it is important to understand the history of political parties in order to know the motives and real intentions in their plans.

Source/Artifact 3:

Dallas, K. (2020, April 14). Justice Department speaks out on church closures, condemns religious freedom violations in new statement. Retrieved December 05, 2020, from <https://www.deseret.com/indepth/2020/4/14/21221205/coronavirus-covid-19-utah-religion-church-closures-william-barr-department-of-justice-constitution>

This article was written in April of 2020 during the start of the COVID-pandemic and it occurs during the timeline of when local officials were mandating shutting down churches and places of worship were being closed down, many people believed that churches and places of worship such as synagogues and mosques should shut down the capacity in the places of meeting because of how it can spread the corona-virus amongst individuals. Many other people specifically those who are religious felt that it condemned their religious freedom and violated their rights and religion. Under the constitution and the first amendment it states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." (First Amendment. (n.d.). Retrieved December 05, 2020). The founding fathers placed freedom of religion in the constitution and therefore if there is a peaceful gathering it may not be interrupted by any government officials or anyone who works therefore under the law. President Thomas Jefferson was the one who stated the declaration of separation of church and state, religion thereof. In this article it states that "So long as those restrictions are neutral and applicable to everybody, religious institutions have to abide by them" (Dallas, K. (2020, April 14).) said Michael Moreland, a law and religion expert at Villanova University. Under the constitution it's not ok for religious organizations to be deemed mistreated compared to other events. An example of this



can include the ongoing shopping at big corporations this can include grocery stores and big corporations that are deemed as essential. What was seen as acceptable during this pandemic was the essential businesses and those were corporations such as Target, Wegmans and other businesses, it ultimately failed small businesses especially places of worship and put many people out of business which harmed them financially. “The city of Greenville fined congregants \$500 per person for attending parking lot services- while permitting citizens to attend nearby drive-in restaurants” (Dallas, K. (2020, April 14).). This is an example of how religious institutions have been mistreated during this pandemic and it makes many Americans question the motives behind the pandemic because of the closing of religious affiliations which was viewed as a way to get rid of religious freedom to many while many other non-essential businesses were open. Religious worship is a big part of America and many of the reasons why America is so great would be the advantage of having religious freedom and a revival of spiritual awakening. The background information that can be used to decipher this article would be the reform movements and religious movements that occurred in the nineteenth century that were deemed as the second great awakening. This awakening is what coined the nation's various religious landscapes. Many preachers traveled to spread gospels and messages of spiritual renewal and revival. There would be large crowds especially in different states where religious revival was becoming more common, preachers of all religions such as Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterian gathered crowds of people who were enthusiastic for renewal. Removing the government support of churches created what historians call the American spiritual marketplace. Methodism achieved the most remarkable success, enjoying the most significant denominational increase in American history “The Methodist denomination grew from fewer than one thousand members at the end of the eighteenth century to constitute 34 percent of all American church

membership by the mid nineteenth century” ( The American yawp, chapter 10). The separation of the government and church created an increase in church membership and spiritual renewal, it gave many religious people freedom like no other, there were crowds of people expressing their religion and being relieved all of the spiritual warfare they are facing, many people during the early nineteenth century tended to churches and their faith grew throughout the centuries. Since the great awakening there has been an increase in religious motives and church attendance but with the pandemic and Covid many people can argue that it has taken away many rights of the church and the people in communities who are attending these churches. Many churches have taken a legal statement of interest and have gone on to testify that local officials had gone too far by exempting church services and religious affiliations in small, peaceful gatherings. In order to decipher this article, you will need to know prior knowledge about the constitution and the first amendment, the religious awakening and religious freedom that was seen during the reform movements surrounding religious ideals. With all of the hypocrisy displayed by the government officials as they tell us not to gather for things like church and family/holiday gathering, is it possible that America is poised for another “Great Awakening, many people are still fighting for their freedom to go to church and maybe once the pandemic is behind America, will more and more people start attending church again or will they be going recently for the first time?.

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American culture, many people make coherent relationships and find similarities between past and present history. Throughout history there have been many events that can be viewed by the American public through different artifacts and sources and it allowed the public to make inferences about repeating history.

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