

# Equality Inquiry: Part I

**Your Task:** Your task is to identify a problem inspired by one of our essential questions of equality and then provide a solution to that problem using historical evidence in support of your claims:

(1) Identify and then articulate a “problem” of Equality that is **inspired by** one of our essential questions below **WHAT MATTERS TO YOU!?!?!?!?**

1. What drives the change in concepts of equality over time?
2. What factors in society create resistance to equality?
3. Is equality a function of economics, culture or policy?
4. Are governments or culture the major engines of societal change in regard to equality?
5. To what extent can individuals create change in equality within a society?
6. What role does the media play in changing equality within a society?

**Process:** What you need to do and the order you should do it in

1. Formulate your problem/question and write it below
2. Break that problem/question into smaller, more manageable and thus more answerable questions using the chart below to help. Of course *\*Add rows as necessary\** ie. what questions does this problem or big question inspire or require the answer to in order to answer?
3. Consider the types of “evidence” that would support a given claim or point of view. Begin documenting your evidence in the 3rd column below

Write MY “Inquiry” problem / Question HERE: **{Example: Should the US Government provide reparations to African Americans?}**

| Necessary / Helpful Smaller Questions                            | Answer(s) (including claims and/or examples in support or refutation): | Link to sources containing Evidence that answers your question |
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| {Ex: What are different forms reparations can take?}             |  |  |
| {Ex: What are the three reasons that reparations are necessary?} |  |  |
| {Ex: Have reparations been used in the past?}                    |  |  |
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4. Write down answers to your smaller questions above ^^^^^.
5. Identify and select evidence to answer your questions
  - a. Record all websites or sources that you cite; useful to use a web highlighting + bookmarking tool like Diigo
  - b. Extract and excerpt specific information / events / quotes or real world examples whenever possible.
6. Formulate your solution.
  - a. Turn your solutions or perspectives into topic sentences (column 3 below)
7. Decide on HOW you will present your problem and solution

***\*\*More Information on #7 above as well as the assessment rubric in PART 2\*\****

| Claim or Solution | Specific Evidence in support of that claim or solution | Argumentative statement that links Claim and evidence |
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