

## Discussion Questions

1. Wilkerson writes about the difference between casteism and racism. A “caste” is a system of hierarchy in which people enjoy varying degrees of superiority or forced subjugation based on what caste someone belongs to. How is racism different, and how do these two constructs support each other?



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2. Did you know that Nazis developed their laws regarding Jewish people, gypsies, and other undesirables by observing and implementing American caste laws? When did you learn this?



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3. Germans are ashamed of their Nazi history in a way Americans are not ashamed of slavery. Why do you think Germany was able to humanize their victims and develop laws to enforce “never again” while America still has statues of Lee and confederate flags?



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4. Did learning about the lens and language of caste change the way you look at U.S. history and society?

How?