



TED TALK- We need to TALK ABOUT AN Injustice (BRYAN STEVENSON)

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1. Who taught Stevenson about the power of identity? _____ How does he describe this person?
2. What shaped the way this person saw the world?
3. What powerful words did this person say to him?
4. What was the second thing he had to promise?
5. What did he refuse to do with his brother and sister? _____
6. Fill in the Numbers: "In 1972, there were _____ people in jails and prisons. Today, there are _____ million. The United States now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. We have _____ million people on probation and parole."
7. Name one urban community where 50 to 60 percent of all young men of color are in jail, prison, on probation, or parole.
8. Finish This Quote: "We have a system of justice in this country that treats you much better if you're rich and _____ than if you're poor and innocent. _____, not culpability, shapes outcomes."
9. What right have 34% of African American males lost in Alabama?
10. Finish the Statement: Stevenson shares that is only United States is the only country in the world to:
11. What is the death penalty in America defined by? _____ Why?

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12. What type of era did he say that African Americans lived in from Reconstruction to World War II?
13. Finish This Quote: "In South Africa, people understood that we couldn't overcome apartheid without a commitment to _____ and _____. In Rwanda, even after the genocide, there was this _____, but in this country we haven't done that."
14. Why does Germany not have the death penalty?
15. How many more times is an African American defendant likely to get the death penalty when compared to someone who is white?
16. Who did Stevenson meet when he was a young lawyer?
17. What would he do during his meetings with her and two of her friends?
18. Finish This Quote: "I've learned very simple things doing the work that I do. It's just taught me very simple things. I've come to understand and to believe that each of us is more than the _____ we've ever _____. I believe that for every person on the planet."
19. What does Stevenson believe to be the opposite of poverty? _____
20. Stevenson motioned to have his "14-year-old, young, poor black kid" tried like a "privileged, _____ year old corporate executive."
21. What did an older African American gentleman whisper in Stevenson's ear?
22. Finish This Quote: "I came into this courtroom to tell this young man, keep your _____ on the _____, _____ on."
23. How much money does California intend to put towards the death penalty over the next 5 years? (Side note- This TED Talk is from 2012)
24. True or False: The violent crime rate has remained unstable over the last three decades. (Circle your answer.)
25. What did you think of this TED Talk? What did you learn? Explain your answer below.

