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The Rebirth of Caste

Chapter 1 of *The New Jim Crow*, “The Rebirth of Caste,” illustrates the persistence of racial hierarchy and the evolution of racial caste through U.S. history. After reading each excerpt from “The Rebirth of Caste,” use the graph on page 2 to plot and sequence the topics and events below (more than one event may be assigned to a single dot). The circled items have been plotted to get you started. Once you complete the graph, answer the analysis questions that follow.

- demand for cheap labor
- The War on Drugs
- civil rights movement
- The Civil War
- NAACP
- convict laws
- vagrancy laws
- black codes
- The Poor People’s Campaign
- race-neutral rhetoric/colorblindness

Reconstruction Era
- racial bribe of white supremacy
- Southern Redemption
- racial bribe of segregation laws
- Jim Crow
- WWII
- white panic and outrage
- chattel slavery

white resistance to civil rights reforms
- racial bribe of “law and order” rhetoric
- mass incarceration
- Supreme Court rulings
- Bacon’s Rebellion
- Emancipation
- withdrawal of federal troops from the South

= racial caste
= disrupting racial caste
= quest for new racial hierarchy
= resistance to racial hierarchy
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○ = disrupting racial caste
□ = quest for new racial hierarchy
■ = resistance to racial hierarchy

DISRUPTING RACIAL CASTE

REINFORCING RACIAL CASTE

Reconstruction Era
NAACP
chattel slavery
mass incarceration
Analyze and interpret the information on your graph by answering the following questions.

What does each black dot signify? What similarities or patterns appear in those historical spaces?

What does each white dot signify? What similarities or patterns appear in those historical spaces?

What does each dot with concentric circles signify? What similarities or patterns appear in those historical spaces?

What does each striped dot signify? What similarities or patterns appear in those historical spaces?
How does Alexander describe what has happened historically in between the bold lines?

Complete the unfinished graph. What are your predictions? What are your hopes?