

1 | Central Thesis

"[African Americans] have been the perfecters of this democracy."

2 | What evidence is provided?

- Initial mention of how revolution was only possible because of slavery
- Builds to focusing on how civil rights enabled American ideals to be its reality more than anything else has

3 | How does the story of the US change?

- American ideals were built up to: we have gotten closer to meeting our ideals over time due to civil rights movements
 - More focus on origins of American slavery.
- Less worship of founders
- Less American exceptionalism

4 | Terminology

- Harsher terms to depict harsher reality
- Flowery languages

5 | Framing

- Framing American ideals as something we have worked towards
- One specific perspective (not accounting for Native Americans, etc)