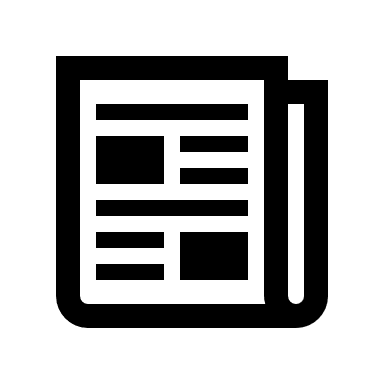
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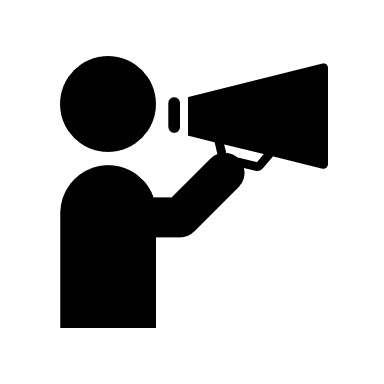
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Organizing Ideas

Tracking central ideas and key details can help you navigate the complexity of a nonfiction text. After reading “How Our World Changed,” fill in the blank sections below to provide a full picture of the information presented in the article.

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| Details that show how public opinion toward racism and discrimination has shifted leading up to and during the nationwide social movement:   1. After the death of George Floyd, Kennedy Green and five other girls had organized a Black Live Matters protest in Nashville, Tennessee. 2. Over 10,000 people had attended the protest. 3. Many protests concerning racism and discrimination against blacks has been taking place globally around the world and in all of America 4. Due to the death of George Floyd, many other crimes regarding unlawful killing of blacks have been investigated. |
| Examples of laws and government policies that changed in response to the social movement:   1. Cities and states banned the use of chokeholds by law enforcement. 2. In New York, lawmakers had repealed a law that kept police disciplinary records secret. 3. In Minneapolis, the city council voted to dismantle their current police department and create an entirely new system of public safety. 4. Mississippi’s governor signed a bill that removed the Confederate battle emblem from their state flag. |
| Examples of how companies and organizations changed in response to the social movement:   1. Quaker Oats announced that they would change its more than a century old brand, Aunt Jemina, since their logo of a Black women is based on a stereotype. 2. Nascar banned confederate flags from their auto races. 3. The NFL had put out a video apologizing for previously failing to support players who protested police violence by kneeling during the national anthem. 4. Many sport teams would change their names due to racial references in their names. For instance, the Washington Redskins and Cleveland Indians. |

The author explains that, for years, many people had pointed out racist branding, yet it didn’t change. The author also provides statistics that show how just a few years ago, most Americans didn’t consider racism and discrimination a big problem—but now most people do.

**Why do you think public opinion, policies, and symbols are shifting dramatically now to be more inclusive and less discriminatory? Explain.**

I believe due to the Coronavirus, people are at home and on their computers more often. This would result in more people being able to access the information and being able to be more interactive. Also, I believe that people on the internet have been more aware of racial references for a while now, and in order for companies to make a profit, they need those people to be on their side. This is done by redesigning or renaming company logos, names or slogans. For example, if a large group of people disliked a company for their logo, other people would agree with the group and start boycotting the company.