Name Class

**CLOSE READING For use with “Two Americas” on p. 8 of the magazine**

Up Close

Two Americas

**Read the article closely, then answer each question below. Write three to five sentences for each response, using evidence from the text to support your answers. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.**

1. What is the author’s main purpose in writing the article? Do you think the structure of the article is the most effective choice for supporting this purpose? Explain.
2. How does the title treatment help convey the central idea of the article?
3. What types of evidence does the author use to support the central idea of the section “Criminal Justice”? How is this similar to or different from the types of evidence the author uses to support points in the section “Housing”?

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1. In the section “Housing,” Hasan Kwame Jeffries says, “Housing is key to determining people’s life outcomes.” What does he mean? What are some details in other sections that support this idea?
2. How does the last section, “Rising Above Racism,” connect to the rest of the article? What would be another effective way to end the article?
3. **T**he article discusses racial disparities in place today that result from systemic racism. Based on details in the article, what do you think are some systemic solutions to these problems?

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