

States of Incarceration Sample Syllabus Mass Incarceration Overview

Reading Schedule

Week 1:

- Introduction to the project (<u>statesofincarceration.org</u>)
- Liz Sevcenko, "Remembering the Age of Mass Incarceration"

Week 2

- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow* (Introduction and Ch. 2)
- Marjorie Schwarzer, "Introduction: The Culture of Incarceration," Museums and Social Issues
- Introduction to local archives

Week 3

- Barbara Fields, "Slavery, Race, and Ideology in the United States of America," New Left Review
- Khalil Muhammad, "Where Did All the White Criminals Go?" Souls
- In-class film: Lock Em Up: Juvenile Injustice at Rikers Island Prison

Week 4

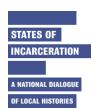
• Visit to community partner organization

Week 5

- Erving Goffman, Asylums: Essays on the Social Situations of Mental Patients and Other Inmates, Intro and Ch. 1-2
- Jennifer Gonnerman, "Before the Law" The New Yorker
- Lisa Guenther, "The Living Death of Solitary Confinement," New York Times

Week 6

Class field trip to prison facility



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Week 7

- Torrie Hester, "Deportability and the Carceral State"
- Aviva Chomsky, Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal, Intro and Ch. 4-5

Week 8

• 2nd visit to community partner organization

Week 9

- Mariame Kaba and Erica Meiners, "Arresting the Carceral State: Educators must work to end the school-to-prison pipeline," *Jacobin*
- Eric Anthamatten, "Incarceration, Education, Emancipation," The Atlantic

<u>Week 10</u>

- Heather Thompson, "Why Mass Incarceration Matters: Rethinking Crisis, Decline, and transformation in Postwar America," *Journal of American History*
- Jeff Smith, Mr. Smith Goes to Prison, Ch 2 & 9

Week 11

• 3rd visit to community partner organization

Week 12-15

Finalizing exhibit materials