**The Caste System and your life experiences**

*Note from Mr. Curley & Mr. Allison: Growing up, our life experiences did not force us to consider the questions we have been discussing today.* [*Videos like this*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQK8H0z-irM) *helped us see the world through other people’s eyes. We will watch it in class and discuss tomorrow.*

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**Part 1:** Use the space below to draw & label the ‘ancient pyramid’ and ‘modern rectangle’ social structures.

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**Context for Questions 2 & 3:** The United States was foundedin the 1700s with its own European version of the Caste System. When the Constitution was written:

-Only rich white men were allowed to vote.

-Even many European people were not considered white.

-Women were generally banned from owning property, and not protected from family violence by the law.

-African Americans who were not enslaved were banned from many jobs and public places.

-About 1/3 of the South’s population was enslaved because of their race.

-Native Americans were thought of as between human and animal, and were banned from becoming citizens.

**2) How far do you think American society has come in our transition from our ‘ancient’ social structure to a ‘modern’ one?**

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**3) What do you think our society needs to do to finish that transition?**

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