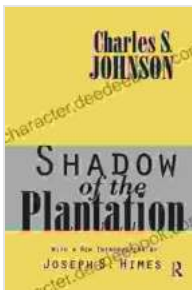


Shadow of the Plantation: Exploring Black African American Studies

Black African American Studies, often referred to as African American Studies, is an interdisciplinary field of study that explores the history, culture, and experiences of African Americans in the United States. It is a relatively young field, with its origins in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. However, the roots of Black African American Studies can be traced back to the very beginnings of the African American experience in the United States.



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The Plantation System



The plantation system was a system of agricultural production that was based on the forced labor of enslaved Africans. It was the dominant form of economic organization in the American South from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Plantations were large, self-sufficient estates that produced a variety of crops, including tobacco, cotton, and sugar. The enslaved laborers who worked on plantations were subjected to brutal conditions and denied basic human rights.

The plantation system had a profound impact on the lives of African Americans. It shaped their experiences of slavery, freedom, and citizenship. The legacy of the plantation system continues to shape the experiences of Black people in the United States today.

Key Concepts in Black African American Studies

- **Race:** Race is a social construct that is used to classify people into different groups based on their physical characteristics. Race has been used to justify the enslavement, segregation, and discrimination of African Americans.
- **Identity:** Identity is a sense of self that is based on a variety of factors, including race, gender, class, and sexual orientation. Black African American Studies scholars explore how African Americans have constructed and reconstructed their identities over time.
- **Intersectionality:** Intersectionality is a theory that examines how different forms of oppression intersect to create unique experiences of discrimination. Black African American Studies scholars use intersectionality to understand how race, gender, class, and other forms of oppression combine to shape the experiences of Black women.
- **Critical Race Theory:** Critical Race Theory is a body of scholarship that examines the role of race in American law and society. Critical Race Theory scholars argue that race is a social construct that is used to maintain white supremacy.

Contemporary Relevance of Black African American Studies

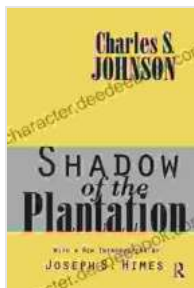


The Black Lives Matter movement is a contemporary example of the ongoing struggle for racial justice. (Image courtesy of the Black Lives Matter movement.)

Black African American Studies is a field of study that is more relevant than ever in today's world. The United States is still struggling to come to terms with its history of racial inequality. Black people continue to face discrimination in all areas of life, from education to employment to housing. Black African American Studies provides a critical lens for understanding these contemporary issues and for working towards a more just and equitable society.

Black African American Studies is a vibrant and growing field of study that offers a unique perspective on the American experience. It is a field that is

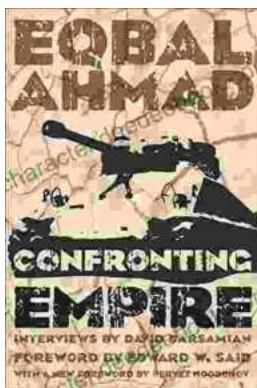
essential for understanding the past, present, and future of the United States.



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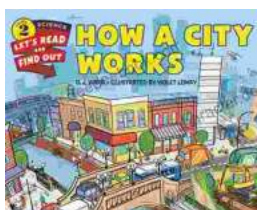
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