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The three objects I have chosen for my final project are Covid-19, Black Lives Matter and Women's Roles. These three I have written about show how history has influenced them and gave information to guide. All three happening in different time periods throughout American history. You see the events being affecting by everyday life and the haunted history that follows it. This starts with the process of better and improving these situations.

My first object is Covid-19 and Covid-19 is a virus that is spreading across the country rapidly and is killing many people around the world. It is an airborne virus so it's extremely easy to get it if not cautious. The virus is believed to come from Wuhan city in China and not certain how it started but it spread quickly across the world. Currently is the midst of the pandemic there is 67.3 million cases and 1.54 million deaths. Without the past pandemics that occurred the Covid-19 virus would be a nightmare already more than it is. You see various similarities with this virus as in others you see in the past. Just before the start of the reconstruction era you see a huge spike in Cholera. The third out of fourth pandemic of cholera was from 1852-

1859. This was the deadliest of the four pandemics. It effected the continents of Asia, Europe, North America, and Africa. According to the article “How Does Covid-19 Stack Up With the Pandemics of the Past”, the author Matt Kelly says, “The clearest historical analogies are cholera in the 19th century, the 1918 influenza and, without wanting to seem too alarmist, the Black Death, which signaled the arrival of the second plague pandemic in Europe in 1347. Both the plague and cholera were new and unknown; neither were treatable. They both came on very quickly”. People today are using past information on events similar to Covid-19 like the third cholera pandemic to see how to control and deal with it. According to the article “Five Basic Cholera Prevention Steps” it says, “Wash your hands often with soap and water, Make sure you drink safe water and use safe water to brush your teeth, wash and prepare food. These are similar sanitary steps taken like COVID-19 to prevent it from spreading to others. The information they gathered from the cholera pandemic like having no vaccine and being not treatable influenced them on their actions taken with the Covid-19 virus. You even see Cholera date back all the way to the Colombian exchange when Europeans brang all kinds of diseases to America infecting Native Americans who did not have immunity just like us and the Covid-19 virus. That’s what eventually led to the 4 pandemics of cholera. According to the article “Cholera and corona virus why we must not repeat the same mistakes” the author Neil Singh says, In the 1830s, the revolutionary Mario Adorno accused the Bourbon royal family of concocting “a devilish plot bent on poisoning the people” of Sicily with cholera, as part of his attempt to topple them”. You see scientists today coming up with new ideas to prevent this virus. They take ideas from the past plagues with the masks and using them in a new and better way. I think we are not learning from our mistakes in the past and it keeps repeating. With the

information in past events we still seem to mis use it because like past pandemics this is bad. Thankfully we have some ideas like using masks to contain it to an extent and vaccinations to stop contamination.

My second object is the Black live matter movement. Currently this is one of the biggest movements going on in the twenty first century. It's a movement the opposes the systematic racism built in the American system dating back all the way to slavery. They are fighting for the oppression of African American people to bring justice and peace to the community and culture. The black lives matter supporters rebel protest and riot in the streets to get the attention of the American people. Actions like these go all the way to the pre- American Revolution. According to the article "How American Power Dynamics Have Shaped Perceptions of Looting, From the Boston Tea Party to Today" the author Anna Purna Kambhampaty says, "Perhaps the most famous early American example took place in 1773 when, in opposition to the Tea Act, which was enacted by the British government without the input or approval of colonists and hurt certain colonial business interests, American protesters climbed aboard three British ships and dumped 45 tons of tea, worth an estimated \$1 million, into Boston Harbor (enough for more than 18 million teabags). This seems to fall clearly under the umbrella of what would be recognized today as "looting," but it didn't take long for the event to acquire its mythic sheen". You see looting and rioting go back all the way to the start of the United States of America

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[UXqYg8Gs&ust=1607476088349000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCODInreZve0CFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD](https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2F4851ax.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fi.imgur.com%2F4851ax&tbnid=61qGo3dBPRImqM&vet=12ahUKEwipy62dnr3tAhWMJ80KHZOgANUQMyggeGUIARDBAQ..i&docid=cfa_WBDydmP). You see the colonists rebel by throwing tea into the boston harbor to

get the attention of the British because of the unfair taxing on them. You see a resemblance in rioting and looting where they do this to places to get the attention and send a message to the American people and government. According to the article “How American Power Dynamics Have Shaped Perceptions of Looting, From the Boston Tea Party to Today” the author Anna Purna Kambhampaty says, You can go back as far as the Boston Tea Party at the time the United States was a colony of England, and they saw fit to literally go and loot and destroy cargo on ships that were owned by England,” says Hall. “From the very, very beginning of our nation, looting has been a part of protests.” You also see this go back to the Boston massacre.

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because the colonist's goal was to stop the taxing and BLM is to stop oppression and the racism, but the message should be sent in a different way.

My third object is on women's roles in America. You see today in America women in America have equal opportunities as men or at least getting closer. Many women have jobs that pay higher than men or just as much. Women have the same responsibilities as men do and more. You see in the past women only had the roles of staying at home and no job along with very little to no rights. According to the article "Bearing the Capitalist Economy: A Review of Alexandra J. Finely A Intimate Economy" The author Stephanie Richmond says, The life stories of these three women reveal the connections between household labor and the growing capitalist economy, one rooted in buying and selling human bodies and human labor". Women are using the past events to show the struggles and oppression they faced with not having equal opportunities just like African Americans to be able to attain them.

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According to “Humans Rights Watch Women’s Rights” the author says Human Rights Watch is working toward the realization of women’s empowerment and gender equality-protecting the rights and improving the lives of women and girls on the ground.” You see women struggle and don’t get voting rights until the 1960’s and the talk of it was years and years before. I believe the women’s rights have come a long way and is still going.

In conclusion you see American history affecting current events happening right now. They influence and have impact on decisions we have too. Learning from past history is what makes us become a better country everyday and make up for our mistakes. If it’s the BLM movement and African Americans coming closer to their goal and COVID-19 being dealt with in situations best for the Americans and women’s right and roles improving off a man made and controlled country. The country learning from past mistakes from our ancestors to make America better again.

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