



The Leadership Initiative

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Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, Summary - "The African American Diaspora..."

When: Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Where: Naperville North High School; Alive, Naperville Teen Center; or via ZOOM

The African American Diaspora – February 17th (Facilitator: Mr. Albert Demming)

Saturday's session, facilitated by Mr. Demming, provided in depth content concerning the experience of African Americans in the U.S. The interactive presentation and discussion encompassed the following:

- When enslaved Africans were first brought to U.S. shores
- An Overview of Slavery in America
- The Impact of Cotton on the Slave Industry
- The Triangular Trade Route and Middle Passage
- The Underground Railroad...
- The Civil War...
- Emancipation...
- The Reconstruction Era...
- Birth of the Ku Klux Klan & Jim Crow
- The Compromise of 1877...
- The Civil Rights Movement...

Mentees shared their perspective regarding what has changed over the years? Mentors encouraged students to remain focused on acquiring academic excellence, which will open doors of opportunity.

Our Next Mentoring Session will be held:

- **Saturday, February 24th, 10:00 a.m. In-Person.**

Topic: "Round Table Discussions & Information Sharing..." – Led by: TLI Mentees & Mentors

The Leadership Initiative appreciates **Tax Deductible Donations**. All Donations are applied to Youth Programming, Field Trips, and Scholarships for Mentees graduating from both TLI's Mentoring Program and High School, and who demonstrate intent to further their education at the post-secondary level. Donations can be made by either mailing a check to: **The Leadership Initiative - 3440 Butler Walk, Naperville, IL 60564**, or by visiting our website at:

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Questions pertaining to the content of this Summary may be forwarded to my attention.

Yours very truly,

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