**“13th” - Comprehension Questions:**

1. Briefly summarize the explanation given in the documentary of how the South dealt with the economic blow which resulted from the end of slavery.
2. What is the significance of the 1915 film “Birth of a Nation”?
3. What connection do you see between the cultural impact of Birth of a Nation and the reaction of the political and legal establishment to the civil rights movement?
4. How did the “Law & Order”, “War on Drugs” policies and the 1994 crime bill result in Mass Incarceration?
5. What is the role of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) in the Mass Incarceration phenomenon?
6. Track the increase in America’s prison population over time:

1970: 2000:

1980: 2014:

1990:

1. How many African Americans were incarcerated in American prisons as of 2001?