

Big Ideas in African History with Trevor Getz

Context on source: Trevor Getz is a professor of African and World History at San Francisco State University. He wrote the graphic history, *Abina and the Important Men*. That book was ground-breaking and it won him the James Harvey Robinson Prize from the AHA. He's written a number of other books including *A Primer for Teaching African History* as well as the *Long 19th Century*. He won the American Historical Association's 2020 Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award.

Questions

1. What counts as Africa?
2. Why is African history important?
3. How does the study of African history challenge the value we put on different types of sources?
4. What are major misconceptions people might have about Africa?
5. Is Africa all about colonialism, apartheid, genocide, child soldiers, blood diamonds, dictators, and AIDS? Why or why not?
6. What are the big questions of African historiography right now?

Reflection Questions

1. Which piece of Confucian advice would be most relevant to help you to become closer to a sage?

2. Which aspect of the conversation did you find most interesting? Important?
Surprising?

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