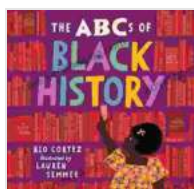


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## **Chapter 1: The Transatlantic Slave Trade**

The transatlantic slave trade was a brutal and dehumanizing system that forcibly transported millions of Africans to the Americas. The trade began in the 16th century and continued until the 19th century. During this time, an estimated 12 million Africans were enslaved and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean. The conditions on the slave ships were horrific, and many Africans died during the journey. Those who survived were sold into slavery in the Americas, where they were forced to work on plantations and other labor-intensive industries.



A slave ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

## Chapter 2: The Antebellum Period

The antebellum period was the time leading up to the Civil War. During this time, slavery was legal in the United States, and African Americans were considered to be property. They were denied basic rights, such as the right

to vote, the right to education, and the right to own property. They were also subjected to violence and discrimination.



A group of slaves working on a plantation.

### **Chapter 3: The Civil War and Reconstruction**

The Civil War was fought between the Union (the Northern states) and the Confederacy (the Southern states) from 1861 to 1865. The war was fought over the issue of slavery, and the Union victory led to the abolition of slavery in the United States. After the war, the Reconstruction period began, and African Americans were granted citizenship and the right to vote. However, Reconstruction was a difficult time, and African Americans continued to face discrimination and violence.



A group of Union soldiers marching into Richmond, Virginia.

#### **Chapter 4: The Jim Crow Era**

The Jim Crow era was a period of racial segregation and discrimination that lasted from the late 19th century to the mid-20th century. During this time, African Americans were denied basic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to education, and the right to own property. They were also subjected to violence and discrimination.



A sign that says "Whites Only."

## **Chapter 5: The Civil Rights Movement**

The Civil Rights Movement was a period of social activism that fought to end racial segregation and discrimination in the United States. The movement began in the 1950s and gained momentum in the 1960s. During this time, African Americans led protests, boycotts, and sit-ins to demand



their rights. The movement culminated in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed racial discrimination.



A group of people marching in a civil rights protest.

## **Chapter 6: Black Power and the Black Arts Movement**

The Black Power movement was a political and social movement that emerged in the late 1960s. The movement advocated for Black self-determination and self-reliance. The Black Arts Movement was a cultural movement that celebrated Black culture and identity. The movement produced a wide range of artistic works, including music, literature, and film.



A group of Black Power activists.

## **Chapter 7: The New Black Aesthetic**

The New Black Aesthetic is a cultural movement that emerged in the 1970s. The movement sought to create a new aesthetic that reflected the experiences of Black people in the United States. The movement produced a wide range of artistic works, including music, literature, and film.





A group of people at a Black Arts Movement event.

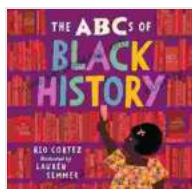
## **Chapter 8: Black Lives Matter**

The Black Lives Matter movement is a social movement that fights against police brutality and racial injustice. The movement began in 2013 after the acquittal of George Zimmerman, the man who killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed Black teenager. The movement has since grown into a global movement that fights for the rights of Black people.



A group of people at a Black Lives Matter protest.

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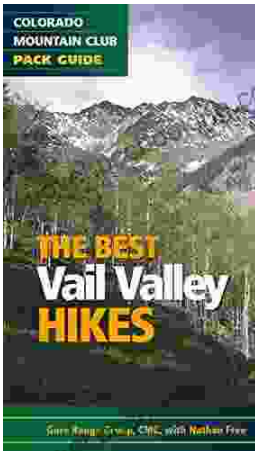
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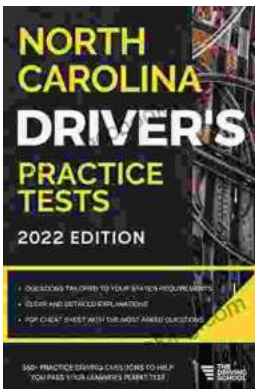
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