**TED Talk - We Need to Talk About an Injustice** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Bryan Stevenson)**

1. Who taught Stevenson about the power of identity? How does he describe this person?

2. What shaped the way this person saw the world?

3. What powerful words did this person say to him?

4. What was the second thing he had to promise?

5. What did he refuse to do with his brother and sister?

6. Fill in the Numbers: “In 1972, there were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people in jails and prisons. Today, there are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million. The United States now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. We have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million people on probation and parole.”

7. Name one urban community where 50 to 60 percent of all young men of color are in jail, prison, on probation, or parole.

8. Finish This Quote: “We have a system of justice in this country that treats you much better if you're rich and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than if you're poor and innocent. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not culpability, shapes outcomes.”

9. What right have 34% of African American males lost in Alabama?

10. Finish the Statement: Stevenson shares that the United States is the only country in the world to:

12. Finish This Quote: “In South Africa, people understood that we couldn't overcome apartheid without a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In Rwanda, even after the genocide, there was this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but in this country we haven't done that.”

13. Why does Germany not have the death penalty?

14. How many more times is an African American defendant likely to get the death penalty when compared to someone who is white?

15. Who did Stevenson meet when he was a young lawyer?

16. What would he do during his meetings with her and two of her friends?

17. Finish This Quote: “I've learned very simple things doing the work that I do. It's just taught me very simple things. I've come to understand and to believe that each of us is more than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we've ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I believe that for every person on the planet.”

18. What does Stevenson believe to be the opposite of poverty?

19. Finish This Quote: “I came into this courtroom to tell this young man, keep your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on.”

20. What did you think of this TED Talk? What did you learn? Explain your answer below.