

Open Your Class with This Tomorrow
Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools

Directions: Listen to the Podcast and respond to the questions below regarding the revelation of vast differences between schools (one public and one private) which are just three miles apart)

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/550/three-miles>

1. What do you believe the teachers from Fieldston and University Heights hoped to accomplish with the exchange program that they organized?
2. What are the benefits and drawbacks of an exchange program between high school students described in this podcast? Try to examine this from both the perspective of the Fieldston school and University Heights students?

3. Which of the University Heights student's reaction do you most identify with personally? Explain.

Melanie:

Jonathan:

Raquel:

4. Do you believe that Melanie's life would have been different if she had earned the Posse scholarship? Do you believe that she would have been successful at a highly competitive University? Explain why or why not.
5. Explain why Jonathan is not successful in college despite earning a full Scholarship? Explain those who might ridicule the program as a waste of money and those that would emphasize the supports that were necessary for Jonathan to be a successful college student. What is your perspective on this issue?

6. While this example is a comparison between private and public schools, similar differences exist between public schools as well. What are your thoughts is reducing the different opportunities that are provided to students in different neighborhoods?

References:

Fieldston High School Website

<https://www.ecfs.org>

University Heights High School Website

<http://www.universityheightshighschool.org>

The Posse Scholarship

<https://www.possefoundation.org>

Books for Psychology Class

<https://booksforpsychologyclass.weebly.com>