

Write one final paragraph, discussing your ideas using what you have learned from the "Allegory of the Cave." Be sure to discuss this situation in terms of sight, vision, blindness, truth, reality, illusion, light, and dark as it is appropriate.

With this, I want to revisit my answer for question number six. The Black Experience in America has been ~~a mirror~~ <sup>a mirror</sup> image of this Allegory of the Cave. I mean, seriously consider my position for a moment. If I control your cultural direction, religion, name, language, and even delete huge chunks of your heritage and history don't I have your neck shackled? Arent I projecting what I want you to see and believe? If I deny you the right to participate in democracy, if I disenfranchise you, under educate, or miseducate you, hide inner workings of systems and structures (economic) from you do I not shackle your legs in this way? This story reverberates in my soul in a way that is so vast I find myself unable to articulate and express every item I relate to Black Americans and how we are perpetually trapped. Even the liberated prisoner who wants to, or tries to liberate the ~~prisoners~~ captives is exiled, vilitied, written off, Killed...  
Elbridge Cleaver  
Agatha Sheker  
Malcom X  
Martin Luther King Jr  
Fred Hampton

Sight is distorted, vision is blurred, blindness persists, truth is false, reality is diluted, light creates fear and discomfort, darkness consumes.