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## Reading “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah-Jones

In Nikole Hannah-Jones’ essay, she writes, “[T]he year 1619 is as foundational to the American story as 1776...black Americans, as much as those men cast in alabaster in the nation’s capital, are this nation’s true ‘founding fathers.’”

Use this table to track evidence she provides for this claim by citing examples of racial oppression (on the left) and examples of black resistance (on the right).

<b>How have U.S. laws, policies, and practices oppressed black Americans since the year 1619?</b>	<b>How have black Americans fought back against oppression and worked to build a better society for all?</b>