

Rwandan on Race, Politics, and History in America	American on Race, Politics, and History in America
<p>What about race in America? Tell me about this.</p> <p>I think race is in the past. You had problems a long time ago, but that is over.</p> <p>How do you really know the truth about something? There are many lies. There are many textbooks with different stories. Books tell the story from one perspective...the winning one.</p> <p>There are many challenges in our country. I would not want to be in politics. The president has a very difficult job.</p> <p>Oh, yes. You have your Donald Trump. Not to worry. He just wants to be president to see himself in the history books. We do not judge all Americans by your president.</p> <p>In our culture, we do not condemn children for the sins of their fathers. If you are a bad man, we think you are a bad man. But we do not punish your child because of this.</p> <p>History is not as important as the now.</p> <p>History makes us remember hating each other.</p> <p>No. No. We must focus on now. We are the now. What is important is WHO we are NOW.</p> <p>We are writing history. We are moving forward. We are now.</p>	<p>Our country is divided.</p> <p>No. Our country is separated in Black and White and Brown and White and Rich and Poor and Beautiful and Ugly.</p> <p>We have trouble finding the truth. There is fake news and real news and lies and deception and yes, the world is shaped by the victors. Unless you live in the south. Then the world is shaped by the racists.</p> <p>Politicians are not to be trusted. Yes, being president would be difficult.</p> <p>Well, that's a relief.</p> <p>Wow, when you put it that way....</p> <p>But doesn't history help you learn from your mistakes?</p> <p>(Silence, then...)</p> <p>WOW.</p>

