

McCarthy Clip 1 Transcript

TIMOTHY PATRICK MCCARTHY: All right. OK everybody, welcome. So let's get started today. We're going to jump right into the readings and the provocations. OK, great. Jeremy and Christina, take us away.

JEREMY: OK. So we've got a lot to talk about today. And we would hope to be able to tie in the results of the election last week. A week ago we were sitting here on election day.

TIMOTHY PATRICK MCCARTHY: We were.

JEREMY: And a lot has happened since then. But in particular, given the sort of racial overtones of Trump's candidacy, and then the recent appointment of outspoken white supremacist Steve Bannon to the history of strategists in the White House, it seems relevant to try and connect Douglass's experience with white supremacy-- and Grimes's as well-- to the events that we continue to experience today.

So we'd like to start by going over those passages that we sent out last night. So you can open to them. So the first passage is on the bottom of page 551. And it's pretty short, so maybe just take a second to read over it. And starting from, "Mr. Auld found out what was going on."-- this is the passage about his master preventing him from learning how to read-- and reading from "Mr. Auld found out what was going on" up to "unhappy" on the top of 552.

CHRISTINA: And also if you have computers, he sent it in the email.

JEREMY: OK. And when people are done with that one, there's one other passage that I wanted you guys to refresh about, which is the middle of the last paragraph on page

580, which starts from, "All hands seem to be very well satisfied" and through with, "put a stop to it." Yeah, I believe. Yeah. And once you guys have finished that just sort of look up so we can go on. OK. I guess we'd like to start by just getting your guys' thoughts on what these passages reflect about Douglass's experience and the desire of white people at the time to limit black people from gaining skills or et cetera. I just want to get your thoughts on things that struck you in these passages or anything else that seems related to that from the readings.