

## Glenn Loury: An Independent Mind

### Opening Questions: K – 8

*These questions should be given to students for either group discussion or individual responses before they have been presented with the story of Glenn Loury's life. After the presentation, students can be asked to reconsider their original answers.*

Why do some people have more money, resources, and opportunities than others?

What is economics? What does the term “social capital” mean to you?

How valuable is your education to you? To your family? To your community?

What are ways to prevent economic inequality?

What mindset/perspective can young people embrace to push through unexpected setbacks? What compels you to reach a goal?

What's the hardest chore or task (or job, such as babysitting) that you've ever done? What makes motivation and perseverance difficult?

How important is it to be an independent thinker? If your friends believe that something is good, but you disagree, why is it difficult to speak up?

What negative behaviors affect your school and community? What positive changes do you see in your school and community?

Have you ever changed your mind about an important issue? Why and how did this happen?

Why do different political parties exist? Why might someone shift from one political ideology---way of thinking--to another?