

**“Why prisons? Why now?
Why for so many
people--especially
people of color?”**

Ruth Wilson Gilmore, “Introduction” to *Golden Gulag* (2007), pg. 6



Eras in the Long Prison Abolition Movement

This semester we've covered the Prison in many different forms...

Enlightenment Europe (1700s-1830s)

Early Industrial Urban America (1830s-1860s)

Post-Emancipation South (1860s-1940s)

The Social Movements Prison (1955-1975)



In Each Era...?

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 - The Social Movements Prison (1955-1975)
1. Who is imprisoned?
 2. What's the stated justification/ideology?
 3. What social crisis is the prison invoked to manage?
 4. What's one question you still have/something unresolved for you from this era?