



THIS AMERICA: THE CASE FOR THE NATION, by Jill Lepore

Pre-Read selected in February 2020

Pre-Read Assembly with Class of 2024, on Zoom, 30 August 2020

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Opening by President Eisgruber

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Discussion with author Jill Lepore

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Freshman Q&A #1: Cycles between illiberal (ethnic) and liberal nationalism

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Freshman Q&A #2: Our role as global citizens, and how nations should reconcile that goal

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Freshman Q&A #3: Federalism, and its effects on nationalism and on the pandemic

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Freshman Q&A #4: A historian's craft and mediums. The "straphanger test."

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Freshman Q&A #5: Definitions of immigrants and Americanness, and personal identity

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Freshman Q&A #7: Offensive and free speech on campus (with Pres Eisgruber)

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Freshman Q&A #8: Lessons from past writing of national histories

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