**FYS - Intercultural Thinking Assignment** (developed as a Blackboard assignment)

**“THE DINNER THAT FUELED THE CIVIL RIGHTS FREEDOM FIGHTERS”**

We read the article "What Americans Can Learn from Other Food Cultures in class, posted a thread in the Discussion Board and responded to one classmate's posting.

Now, we will read  "The Dinner that Fueled the Civil Rights Freedom Fighters." It's a portion of the larger article "The Dinners that Shaped History." You don't have to read the whole article if you don't have time.  Concentrate on the part about the dinner that fueled Civil Rights freedom fighters.  <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/26/magazine/the-dinners-that-shaped-history.html>

\*If that link doesn’t work, here is a pdf copy via MU Library databases:

[The Dinners That Shaped History\_ The Food Issue.PDF - Alternative Formats](https://marshall-bb.blackboard.com/webapps/blackboard/content/listContentEditable.jsp?content_id=_3802957_1&course_id=_117850_1)

Consider these questions as you read and respond to them in this writing assignment:

1. Leah Chase, a 94-year-old legendary African American chef of Creole cuisine said that gumbo does 3 things.  What are they according to Chase?
2. Dooky Chase was one of the very few places in New Orleans in 1960 where black people could eat with heavy cutlery on pressed linen tablecloths.  What do heavy cutlery and pressed linen table cloths signify/symbolize?
3. Rudy Lombard said he dreamed of eating somewhere like that.  He saw this restaurant as a taste of what it would be like to dine in a "fine" restaurant.  He saw the restaurant as an incubator of black people's aspirations.  What do you think he meant by that?
4. Now, it's time for you to reflect again on your own relationship with food.
   1. What kind of food either makes you braver or satisfies your soul or gets you talking or any combination of those?  Explain:
   2. If you could dine in any restaurant where you haven't yet dined, what/where would it be?  Why?  If you can't think of the name of a specific restaurant, then describe the kind of restaurant that would be a dream to eat in and WHY it would be for you.

Now, select WRITE SUBMISSION and respond the questions above.  500 words minimum. No max

\*Instructors: After students respond, you may wish to share more about legendary chef Leah Chase using these links:

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vapYK7griI>
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqk9_TEgsrw>
* <https://www.ted.com/talks/leah_chase_and_pat_mitchell_an_interview_with_the_queen_of_creole_cuisine>