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Chambers, this is your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very well. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Charles Sumner was a large man, a very strong man. And as the blows began to rain down on his unprotected head, unsuspecting such a thing to happen, but this cowardly attack was emblematic of what slavery was about, the cowardliness, the uncouthness, the uncivilized, brutal, violent culture. So as Preston Brooks was beating Charles Sumner, Sumner tried to stand up so he could protect himself. But he was held down because the desk was fastened to the floor. And just about the time he was able to exert enough force to start loosening the fastenings, the blows took effect and he was rendered unconscious. Preston Brooks was not condemned. He was cheered by the Southerners in the Senate. He was lionized and praised by those barbarians down south who recognized property in my people and made a hero. That's a part of American history. That happened on the floor of the U.S. Senate. How many people know about that? How many kids are taught that in school? They are given a sanitized, whitewashed version of everything. They don't understand why people are bitter about this country, why, when the flag comes out and some people's eyes moist over, and they want to put their hand on their heart and say, God Bless America, others see it as a symbol of our oppression. There has never been a set of circumstances where one of us would see the American flag and feel that that place represented a point of refuge for us. We wondered what kind of atrocity might be visited upon us. Even after the war where the Nazis and the Italian Fascists wanted to destroy democracy, would have destroyed America if they would have had the means, some of theirs were taken prisoners, and they were guarded by black men who had no rights in this country. When the French wanted to treat the black men like human beings, the military of this country insisted that that not be done because that's not how these men are treated in America, and we don't want them to misunderstand what their place is. That's during wartime. And when these black men were guarding these Nazis and these Fascists in the south, these Nazis and Fascists could go into white establishments and eat, and the black military guards of these prisoners of war could not come in, could not come in. And when trains were transporting these prisoners of wars, the