As we read this week’s play, we will look at the historical background of 1950s and the race relations in the US. The following will be used in discussion.

* Redlining—a decades-old practice of marking maps by race to characterize the risks of lending money and providing insurance—made purchasing a home even more difficult for Black veterans.
* Lenders froze out poorer neighborhoods, ensuring that loan assistance and insurance would be denied.
* And new white suburbs often came with overtly racist covenants that denied entry to Black people.
* Though the GI Bill guaranteed low-interest mortgages and other loans, they were not administered by the VA itself.
* Thus, the Veterans Affairs (VA) could cosign, but not actually guarantee the loans. This gave white-run financial institutions free reign to refuse mortgages and loans to Black people.