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The Question

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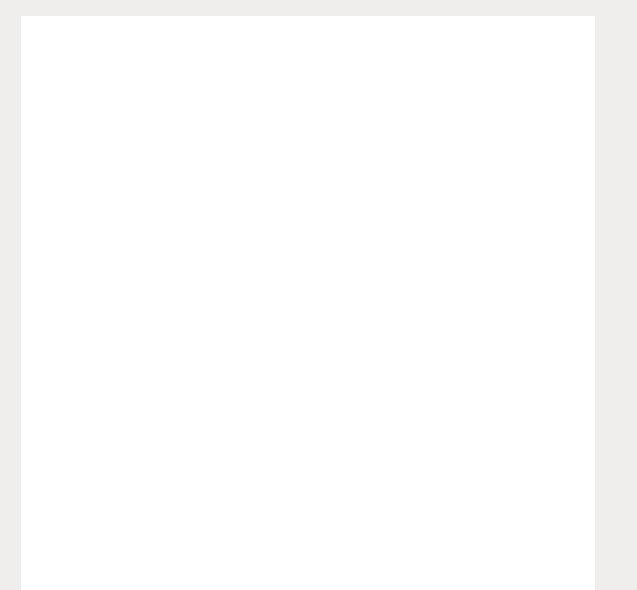
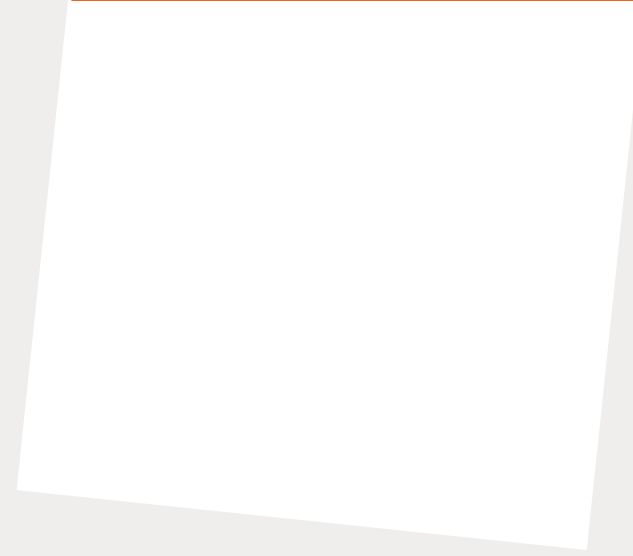
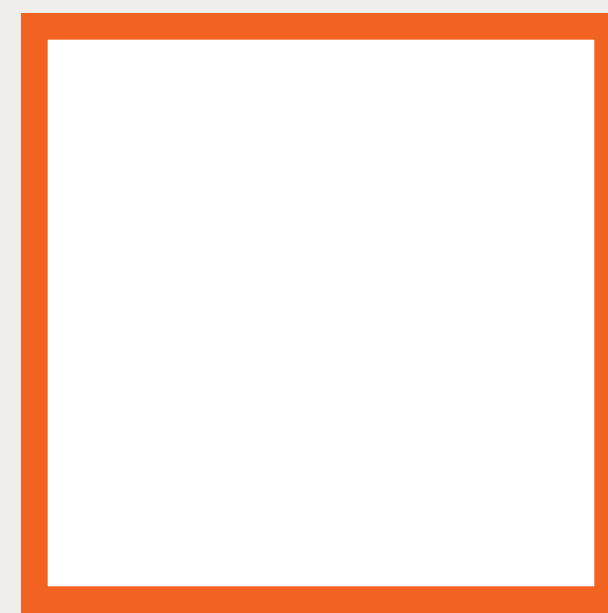
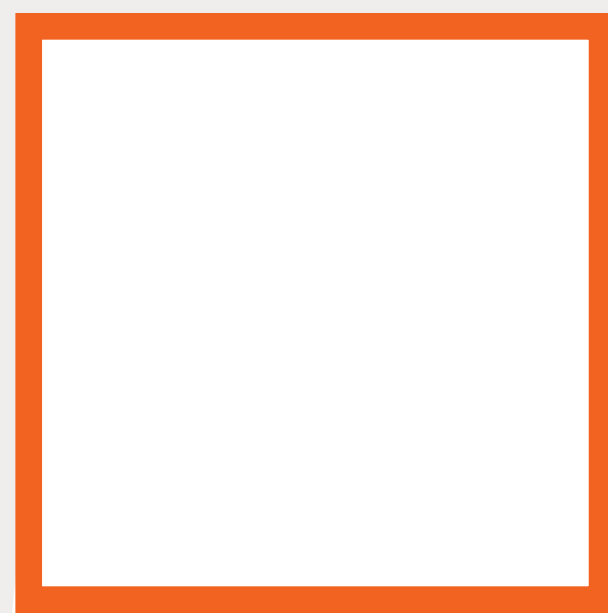
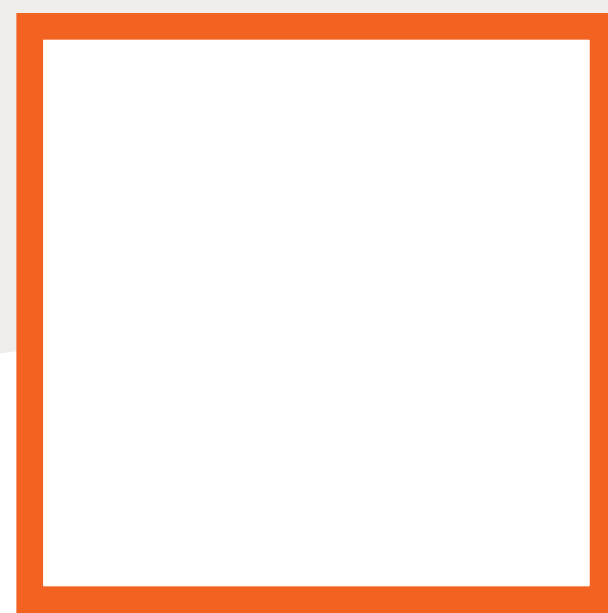
What qualities do Appalachians have that go unnoticed or taken for granted that we might nurture and grow to help lead us into a different future?

How could they even help us lead non-Appalachians into a different future?



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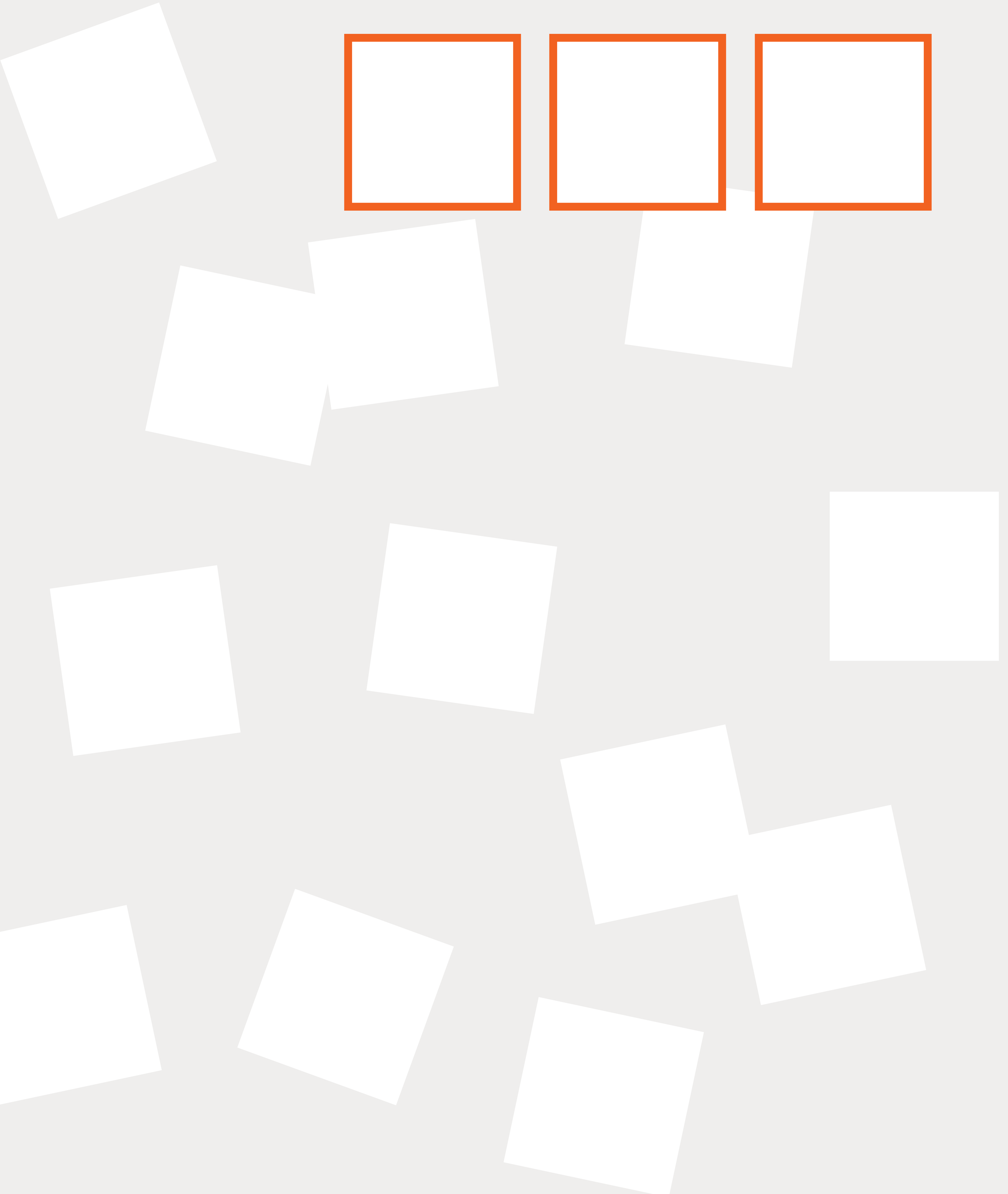
What can we learn from the history of exploitative capitalism in our region that can lead to healthier and more equitable economies in our future?





What happens if instead of conceiving of ourselves as a region that needs to “catch up” to the rest of America, we recognize that maybe we don’t want to look like “the rest of America”?

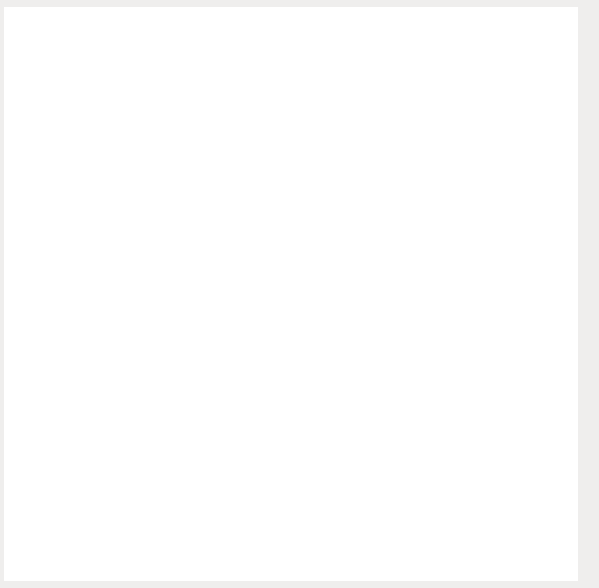
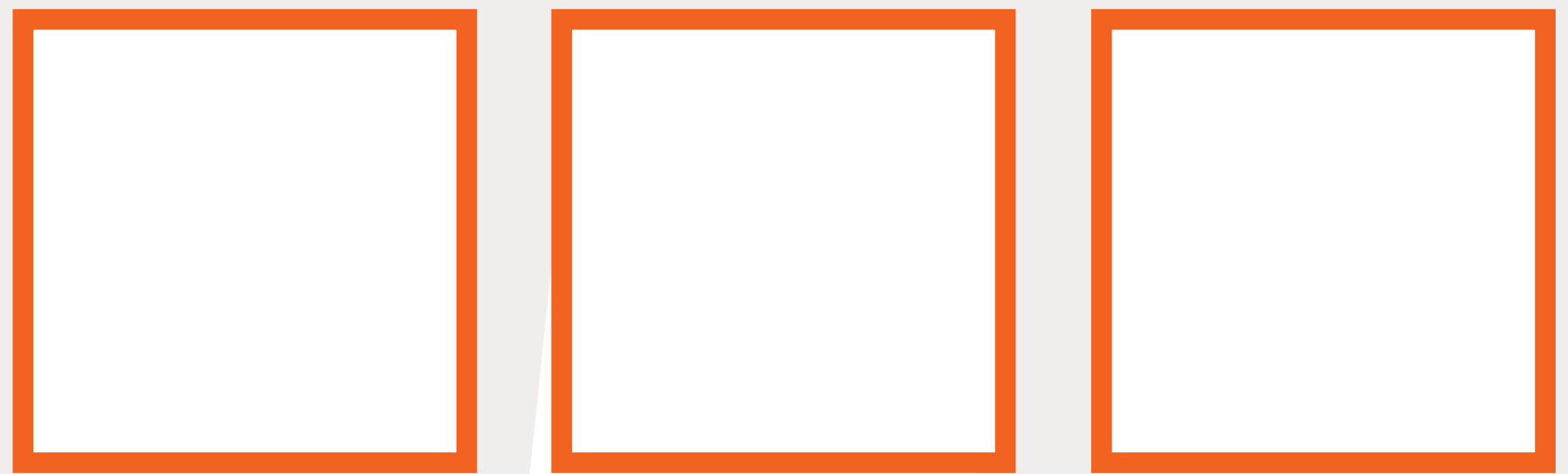
What if we forged a unique future for our region, drawing on our unique strengths and our passions? What could such a future look like?



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What would our future look like if we had no class disparity in our region?

What if wealth stopped flowing out of our borders and was evenly distributed within Appalachia?





How can we imagine a spirituality for our region that could counter despair and heal addiction?

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How can we imagine a spirituality for our region that would honor our natural world and teach us how to draw spiritual sustenance from it?