

For the teacher only:

Origins of the quotes students will discuss in this folder.

1st quote: Mark Twain, an Illustrated Biography Sam Clemens Pg. 174

2nd quote: Chicago *Broad Ax*, July 29, 1899

3rd quote: from the platform of the Anti-Imperialist League, Boston, 1899

4th quote: interview "Mark Twain in Clover / Joseph in the Land of Cornbread and Chicken." *Baltimore Sun*, 10 May 1907, p. 14

Directions:

- 1. Read each quote aloud.**
- 2. Discuss point of view represented in the quote?**
- 3. What evidence supports this point of view?**

“In many countries we have chained the savage and starved him to death . . . in many countries we have burned the savage at the stake . . . in more than one country we have hunted the savage and his little children and their mother with dogs and guns through the woods and swamps for an afternoon’s sport, and filled the region with happy laughter over their sprawling and stumbling flight, and their wild supplications for mercy: . . . in many countries we have taken the savage’s land from him, and made him our slave, and lashed him every day, and broken his pride, and made death his only friend, and overworked him til he dropped in his tracks

There are many humorous things in the world: among them the white man’s notion that he is less savage than the other savages.” –Mark Twain

Point of view:

Evidence:

“For the past thirty-five years all those who have affiliated with the Grand Old Party of Plutocracy, which is controlled by Rothschild, Morgan, and the other members of the Lombard and Wall Street Cortes, have persistently maintained that the war was waged against the Southern people for the express purpose of liberating the slaves. But at the present time the leaders and the rank and file of the Republican Party are branding every person as a traitor to his country who is not in favor of enslaving the Filipinos.”

Point of view:

Evidence:

“We deny that the obligation of all citizens to support their Government in times of grave National peril applies to the present situation. If an Administration may with impunity ignore the issues upon which it was chosen, deliberately create a condition of war anywhere on the face of the globe, debauch the civil service for spoils to promote the adventure, organize a truth-suppressing censorship and demand of all citizens a suspension of judgment and their unanimous support while it chooses to continue the fighting, representative government itself is imperiled...”

Point of view:

Evidence:

"The funniest thing was when at the close of the Spanish-American War the United States paid poor decrepit old Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines. It was just a case of this country buying its way into good society. Honestly, when I read in the papers that this deal had been made, I laughed until my sides ached. There were the Filipinos fighting like blazes for their liberty. Spain would not hear to it. The United States stepped in, and after they had licked the enemy to a standstill, instead of freeing the Filipinos they paid that enormous amount for an island which is of no earthly account to us; just wanted to be like the aristocratic countries of Europe which have possessions in foreign waters. The United States wanted to be in the swim, and it, too, had to branch out, like an American heiress buying a Duke or an Earl. Sounds well, but that's all."

Point of view:

Evidence: