

For the teacher only:

Origins of the quotes students will discuss in this folder.

1st quote: Washington Bee, Sept. 16, 1899

2nd quote: Enterprise, Omaha, Nebraska

3rd quote: The Philippines: A New Field For the Negro

4th quote: John W. Galloway Sgt. Major, 24th U.S. Infantry [Gatewood]

Directions:

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

“Now that an order for the organization of two colored regiments has issued from the War Department, nothing remains now but a generous response. The question is not will Negroes fight Negroes? Citizens of the United States are asked to join hands with others of the government in subduing the hostilities in the Philippines. The time in now that all possessed of proper motives must lose sight of race belongings. The ball was set in motion when war was begun with Spain and must be kept going until the end desired is obtained.

The power and bravery of our colored soldiers are both known and appreciated by the government. Sufficient time has been spent in trying to subjugate the Philippines. No great achievement will ever be accomplished without the aid of the colored man . . .There should be no worry on the part of the colored man for fear of not having something to do. In all things act well the part assigned.

While the field officers are to be white, a point is gained by having all the company officers colored. . .”

Point of view:

Evidence:

"The Philippine Islands will offer an excellent opportunity for Negro colonization, not colonization for the purpose of getting out of this country but for the same purpose that white men colonizes, for the purpose of making money . . ."Most of the islands are unexplored and undeveloped. And here is where a grand opportunity presents itself to the Negro. A colony of enterprising Negroes could make money there, and the chances are the Stars and Stripes would afford him more protection there than it does here at home . . ."

Point of view:

Evidence:

“As the indications point to the permanent occupation of the Philippine Islands by the United States, it becomes a matter of great interest as to what are the possibilities of these islands.

Owing to the tropical character of the climate it will take considerable development and cultivation before white men can settle there comfortably, but an immediate field is offered to the Negro race in the United States. Hardy, capable of resisting the injurious effects of a tropical climate, peculiarly fitted for a tropical land, we predict that once the Philippines are a part of the United States that here will be found a field where the negro can easily carve out a home for himself which will yield him a handsome return for his labors, and in developing the rich agricultural and mineral resources of these islands which last have been practically untouched as yet, he will not only not meet unfavorable competition from his white brothers, but on the contrary will find in him his greatest helper and support. If the United States is going to undertake to develop these wonderfully rich islands, it will be the Negroes of the states who will have to do the most of it, and they can do it with benefit to the nation at large and profit to themselves. We hope to see the day when the aristocracy and wealth of Luzon, Mindanao and the other islands will be the educated, refined, self-made Negroes of the states.”

Point of view:

Evidence:

"Our young men who are practical scientific agriculturists, architects... engineers, business men, professors and students of the sciences and who know how to establish and manage banks, mercantile businesses, large plantations, sugar growing, developing and refining... will find this the most inviting fold under the American flag. Cuba does not compare with the Philippines. Another thing too, when they secure missionaries and teachers for the schools here see that they get on the list. They must be represented here. White men have told them (the Filipinos) we are savages. We need to be in evidence to convince the Filipinos of our status. I do all in my power to picture ourselves to them in a good light, but positions of influence among them is what will tell. They extend to us a welcome hand, full of opportunities. Will we accept it?"

Point of view:

Evidence: