

*Note: The instructor suggested that the following were particularly pertinent to GHS ILO 3: Question 2 on the Women of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKK) document, Questions 3 and 4 on the Ida B. Wells-Barnett letter, Question 1 on the Western Union Telegram to President Wilson, Question 3 on the Red Summer photograph. The summer scoring team additionally thought that the "If We Must Die" questions were helpful in assessing the ILO.*

## **First World War, Its Aftermath, and Red Summer In-Class Activity**

### **Names:**

Instructions: In your groups, examine the documents and answer the questions below.

### **Women of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKK) document**

Supplemental information: The WKKK were founded in 1923 during the second wave of the KKK. They had chapters in every state and were autonomous from the KKK, which was only open to male members.

- 1) What do you think the writers meant by “pure Americanism” and “real patriotism?”
- 2) What is the Johnson-Reed Immigration Bill? Why would the WKKK support it?
- 3) Define feminism in your own words.
- 4) How would you describe the WKKK’s position on gender equality? Should the WKKK be considered part of the larger feminist movement, in the vein of the suffragettes? Why or why not?

### **Ida B. Wells-Barnett Letter, April 26, 1918**

Supplemental information: The Negro Fellowship League was an organization founded by Ida B. Wells-Barnett and her husband, Ferdinand in Chicago in 1910. The organization provided mutual aid for Black migrants from the South and worked to support suffrage for Black women.

- 1) Why might the author have a vested interest in the issue of segregation and state violence?
- 2) What does the Bulletin no. 35 state (in your own words)?
- 3) How does the author appeal to nationalism within the letter? Why might the recipient be moved by that appeal?
- 4) How did Black soldiers experience the war differently than their white counterparts?

### **Western Union Telegram to Wilson**

Supplemental Information: The Northeastern Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs was founded in 1896 with the goal of racial uplift. By the 1920s, the organization became a major leader in the fight against lynching.

- 1) How did Wilson frame the end of the First World War? How does the author of this telegram view it?

- 2) **Requires A Light Google Search:** In the telegram, the author begs President Wilson to make lynching a federal crime. When was the first anti-lynching federal bill introduced and by whom? When did this piece of legislation finally become law?

### **If We Must Die by Claude McKay**

Supplemental information: Claude McKay was a Jamaican-born poet and novelist and was a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance. He had deep connections with various socialist and communist organizations and was a member of the IWW.

- 1) What is McKay's poem responding to? How do you know?
- 2) Describe the impact of repetition in "If I Must Die."
- 3) How does McKay describe the resisters? How does McKay describe the attackers? What is the impact of these descriptions?

### **Red Summer Photograph (Jun Fujita, Chicago History Museum)**

Supplemental information: The Red Summer of 1919, named by NAACP field secretary James Weldon Johnson, refers to the string of race massacres in twenty-six different cities that summer. For the most part, these race massacres were led by vigilantes, rather than organized white supremacist groups. In Chicago, a Black teenager swimming in Lake Michigan crossed an invisible dividing line that separated Black swimmers from white ones. He was bludgeoned with rocks and drowned. This spurred the Chicago Race Massacre, one of the worst of the period, which took the lives of twenty-three Black people and fifteen white people. It led to hundreds of injuries and thousands of dollars in property damage. As a result, the National Guard was called to patrol the streets.

- 1) Describe the body language of those featured in the image. What is their body language communicating to those around them?
- 2) If your only exposure to the Chicago Race Massacre was this image, what would you surmise the National Guard's role was?
- 3) How might Black Chicagoans who served in the war feel about the National Guard being stationed in their city?

*Calvin*

# Women of the Ku Klux Klan

INCORPORATED

Alliance, Ohio, May #5, 1924.

RESPECTFULLY  
FOR CONSIDERATION

*C. B. Slawson*  
Mayor of the President



President Calvin Coolidge,  
Washington, D.C.

Honored Sir,-

We, the Women of the Ku Klux Klan of Alliance, Ohio, do so heartily approve the Johnson Immigration Bill so overwhelmingly passed by House and Senate, and we earnestly request that you, the President of this United States, give your support and affix your signature to this bill.

We shall ever be devoted to the sublime principals of a pure Americanism, and valiant in the defense of its' ideals and institutions.

It is our earnest desire to promote real patriotism toward our civil government, honorable peace among men and nations, and protection for and happiness in the homes of our people.

Sincerely,  
Alliance Klan # 1,  
Women of the Ku Klux Klan.



*to Mr*

*Vol 322. 97*

The  
**Negro Fellowship League**

MRS. IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT, PRES.  
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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED  
FOR CONSIDERATION

*Jacobs B. Summaly*

Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1918;

Sec'y. to the President

*President Wilson  
White House*

The Negro Fellowship League calls upon you to countermand Gen. Ballou's Bulletin No. 35 for 92nd Division, Camp Funston, Kansas, enjoining officers and soldiers to refrain from going into public places where their presence is resented because of color. His dictum that loyal public service is putting pleasure above general good is not applied to white soldiers, destroys all civil rights, causes fresh discriminations, fosters race prejudice, humiliates our race, degrades the army uniform.

No order so vicious or undemocratic has been issued in any armies fighting Germany. Protect American soldiers in Democracy at home before sending them abroad in Democracy's War.

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*Ida B. Wells Barnett*  
President

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RECOMMEND CONGRESS MAKE LAW MAKING LYNCHING FEDERAL CRIME  
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## **If We Must Die**

BY CLAUDE MCKAY

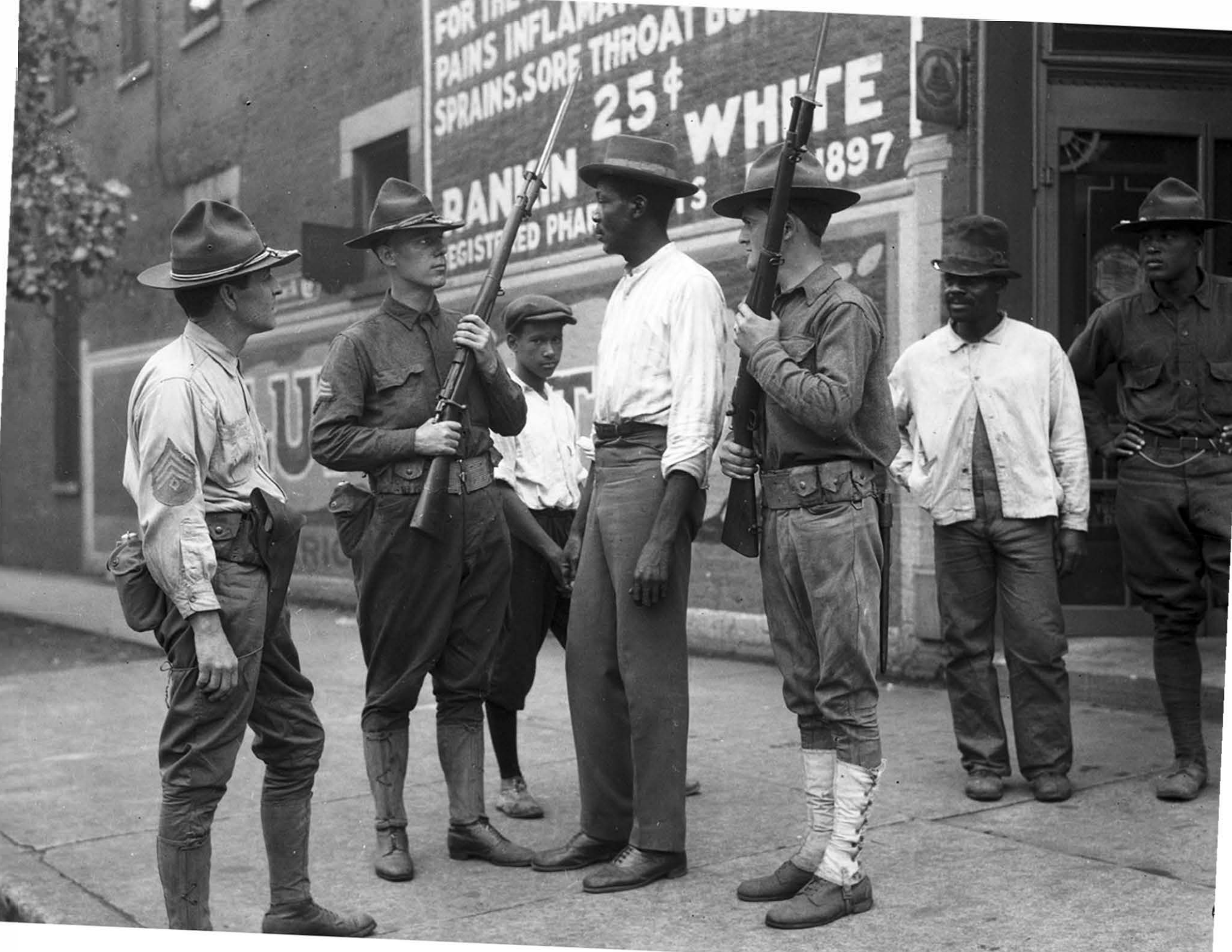
If we must die, let it not be like hogs  
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,  
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,  
Making their mock at our accursèd lot.  
If we must die, O let us nobly die,  
So that our precious blood may not be shed  
In vain; then even the monsters we defy  
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!  
O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!  
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,  
And for their thousand blows deal one death-blow!  
What though before us lies the open grave?  
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!

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