

Handout #10

Should the President Be Held Accountable for the Violation of Citizens' Constitutional Rights

Using what you have learned about the practice of segregation within the United States Postal Service and the United States Treasury, as well as President Wilson's knowledge of these practices, imagine that you are living in America in 1913 and work for the postal service. You have witnessed firsthand the practice of segregation, and have decided to write your local congressmen about how these practices are violating the Constitutional Rights of your African-American co-workers. In your letter be sure to identify at least three specific ways in which African-Americans' rights have been violated. Finally, explain whether you believe that the President should be held accountable for these violations, and discuss whether these violations warrant the removal of his administration. This assignment will be graded using the following rubric:

- _____/5 The assignment has been completed in the form of a letter to a congressman.
- _____/15 The assignment correctly identifies three specific ways that African-Americans' rights were violated.
- _____/10 The assignment explains whether the President should be held accountable for the violation of these rights, and whether these violations warrant the removal of his administration.
- _____/30 Total Points