



Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Riot

Triumph and Tragedy

Overview:

Tulsa's "Black Wall Street" thrived as a self-contained hub of business and culture in the early 1900's until the city's Black district of Greenwood was attacked by a White mob, resulting in two days of bloodshed and destruction in 1921.

Lesson Prompt:

When you hear the words "Wall Street," what comes to mind? What sort of people do you envision, and where are they located? Have you ever heard of something called "Black Wall Street?" Were you aware that there were race riots in America during the 1910's and 20's?

This lesson includes a prepared PowerPoint slide deck summarizing the Tulsa riots and race massacre. Share the slide show and have students consider and discuss the questions contained in it and the accompanying critical thinking and discussion questions to measure basic comprehension and prompt deeper thinking.

This lesson includes two supplemental documents for more in-depth engagement with the topic, along with multiple choice questions to measure comprehension. It also includes additional resources and short, school-appropriate video selections for additional learning and presentation opportunities.

Vocabulary:

Affluent, Livelihood, Expulsion, Resurgent, Hierarchy, Explicitly, Vigilante, Guerrilla, Unsubstantiated, Incendiaries, Martial Law, Exemplify, Restitution, Pretense, Contradiction, Denigrating, Immolation, Centenary

Recommended Resources:

WEBSITES

[1921 Tulsa Race Massacre \(Tulsa Historical Society and Museum\)](#)

[Spirit of Greenwood](#)

[1921 Massacre Witness Interviews](#)

[Greenwood Rising \(1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission\)](#)

[Tulsa Race Massacre \(Tulsa Public Schools\)](#)

[The Tulsa Race Massacre \(Oklahoma Historical Society\)](#)

[Remembering Tulsa: American Terror" \(Smithsonian Magazine\)](#)

[Remembering Tulsa: The Promise of Oklahoma \(Smithsonian Magazine\)](#)