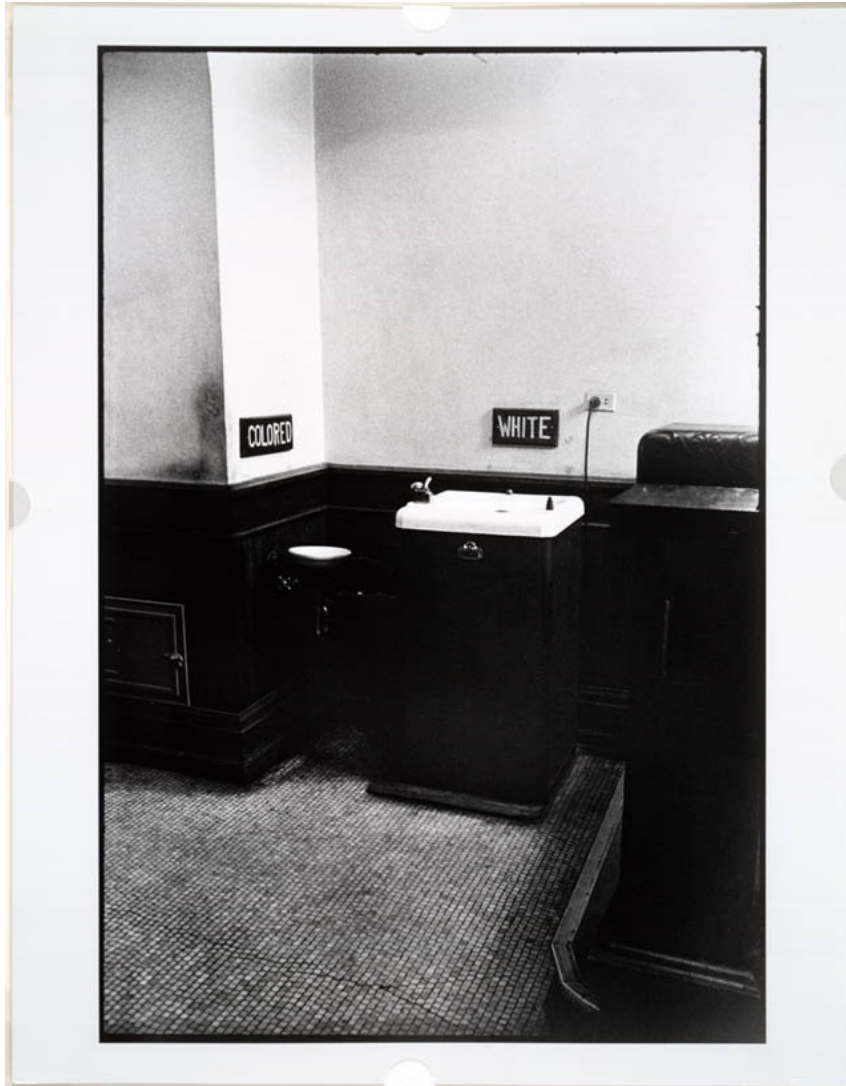


Document #1



1. What region/section of the country is the event taking place?

2. Describe what is happening in this picture?

3. Why is this occurring?

4. How is this a reaction to Reconstruction and the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments?

Document #2

Strange Fruit (1937)

by Lewis Allen

*Southern trees bear a strange fruit,
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root,
Black body swinging in the Southern breeze,
Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.*

*Pastoral scene of the gallant South,
The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth,
Scent of magnolia sweet and fresh,
And the sudden smell of burning flesh!*

*Here is a fruit for the crows to pluck,
For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck,
For the sun to rot, for a tree to drop,
Here is a strange and bitter crop.*

First printed as "Bitter Fruit"
January 1937 issue of *The New York Teacher*

1. Where is the action of this poem taking place?
2. What is the practice being described in this poem?
3. What group(s) could be responsible for these actions?
- *4. What Reconstruction events could have been the catalyst for these reactions?

Document #3

The Long Road To Equality

1. In the late 1800s, the federal and state governments played major roles in determining how easily freed slaves would be assimilated into American culture. Name at least two significant events that would hinder (hold back) African American assimilation? And Why?

a.

b.

Document #5

1930s NYC Department of Parks Pool Poster



1. What is the main theme of this NYC Department of Parks Pool poster?

2. Who can participate?

3. Can they participate equally?

4. How can they?

Notes:

1. _____ (Theme)

- New Southern Democratic governments passed _____ laws that prohibited African Americans from using the same accommodations as whites.
- In 1883, the Supreme Court overturned the Civil Rights Act of 1875 allowing private discrimination.

2. _____ Year: _____

- Homer Plessy boarded a car on a train that was designated for whites only.
- He was an African-American (1/8th)
- He refused to leave the white only car and was arrested.
- Sued saying Railroad Company denied him his rights under 13th & 14th amendments.
- Judge was John Ferguson who ruled the State of Louisiana had the right to regulate railroad companies.
- Appealed to the Supreme Court
- Court decides: _____

One Supreme Court Justice Disagreed:

Justice John Marshall Harlan said, "Our Constitution is colorblind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens."