



Wilmington: A Peaceful City Turned Violent

Discussion Questions

- Describe the black population of Wilmington in 1896. What does historian Glenda Gilmore mean when she says whites targeted blacks who were viewed as "getting out of their place?"
- Why did Reconstruction fail in Wilmington? Are there any steps that would have made it succeed?
- If you were an African American at the time and place of these riots, would you have chosen to leave or stay in Wilmington? Why?

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