

C+T Helman
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Walker, David. *Appeal, in Four Articles*.

Quotes

W3 2c-d	Prediction of Civil War
W4 2a	What's going on in Spain
W4 2c	Christian values not adhered to
W5 1c	Most degraded people in history
W5-6	Joseph and Israelites
W7 2c	Turks and Greeks
W8 2a	Transition to motivational piece
W9 2d	Africans have not been have as bad as whites

Discussion

- Target Audience
 - o Upper-class white—only ones able to read it
 - o Black people—empowering piece, supposed to motivate them
 - If you are not doing anything you are to blame as well
- Most degraded people
 - o Trail of Tears—worst than slavery?
 - Not too much discussion on this aspect
 - o Really how he felt—so much emotion and it helps in empowering the black people because they feel abused.
 - He was trying to gain empathy from different groups
- Religion
 - o Used white's Christian values against them but saying whites were not adhering to what they say they do.
 - o Attacked religion—Church on Sunday, but slave beater on Monday.
- Were whites justified?
 - o The last part of class consisted of discussing whether or not it was the fault of the second, third, etc. generations of slave owners.
 - If blacks were really viewed as property then the treatment was not so bad.
 - Growing up as slave owner hinders ability to see that slavery is really wrong—raises the question of who is responsible.
 - o This idea is somewhat weird but nonetheless it was possible.
 - There were arguments for both sides—some argued that they were not justified just because it was how they were raised, while others argued that the idea that slavery was wrong was lost in time.