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## Homework Assignment: Lynching Statistics - A Review Worth 5 Points

### Definitions:

Lynching (or "lynch law") is defined as the violent punishment or execution of a person, without due process, for real or alleged crimes.

Origin of the word: most agree that this word likely originates from an 18th century (1700s) Virginia planter named Willam Lynch, who engaged in this practice in that colony.

### Instructions:

Go to the class website, [kerre.org](http://kerre.org) and locate the link titled, Lynching Statistics. In the middle of the page, there are three links to statistics: Lynching Statistics by State and Race, Lynching Statistics by Year and Race, and Lynching Statistics by Supposed Offense. These statistics were compiled by the Tuskegee Institute. Answer the following questions using these statistics.

1. Examine the statistics of **lynchings by year and race** and answer the following questions:

What period of time had the majority of lynchings?

Who was the main target of these lynchings?

2. Examine the statistics of **lynchings by state and race** and answer the following questions:

What states had the majority of lynchings? What region of the United States were they located?

Who was the main target of these lynchings?

Where were whites lynched more often than blacks? Why do you think this is so? Think about the location of these states.

3. Examine the Lynchings by Supposed Offense and answer the following questions:

List in order from most to least, the supposed offenses that resulted in a lynching

What do you think is the reason for the largest category?