





Historical Statues Assignment for History 171

Sparked by the recent tragedy in Charlottesville, there have been heated public discussions regarding statues commemorating Civil War generals who served on the side of the Confederacy. More specifically, the discussions have centered on whether these statues should remain on public display, or should be removed by municipal and state governments. While defenders see these monuments as a way to honor and remember central figures who played a large role in a major historical conflict, opponents claim that these same statues are a painful reminder of when a large section of the United States fought viciously to maintain asystem of human subjugation and forced labor. They further argue that many of these statues were not constructed with the intention of preserving or honoring history, but rather to intimidate African American populations throughout the American South—who were still living in the shadow of failed Reconstruction policies and the establishment of Jim Crow.

In this brief assignment you will use the Fullerton College Library databases to locate research materials that deal in some way with the topic discussed above. In groups of 3 you will use **one** of the database types below and locate at least **one article** from the resources listed below. Your group should be prepared to discuss the article you found with the rest of the class.

1. Academic Journal Articles *(EBSCOhost, JSTOR)*
2. Newspapers and Magazines *(America's Historical Newspapers, LexisNexis)*
3. Reference material from current events/controversial issue database *(CQ Researcher, Opposing Viewpoints)*