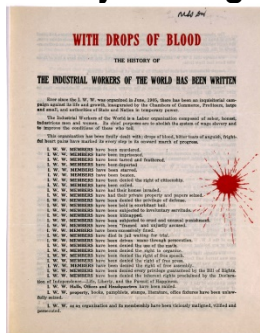


## Teaching with Primary Sources Lesson Outline

**Grade Level:** Middle School (6-8)

**Standard(s) or Objectives:** CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions  
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.6: Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).

### Library of Congress or Morris Special Collections Resources:



**With drops of blood. The history of the Industrial workers of the world has been written. 1919.**

<https://www.loc.gov/item/rbpe.01805500/>

Specific page used:

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.01805500/?sp=1>

### Topic Background:

Founded in 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World captured the attention of a generation with its fiery rhetoric, daring tactics, and program of revolutionary industrial unionism. Pledging to replace the narrow craft unionism of the American Federal of Labor with massive industrial unions, the organization grew in numbers and reputation in the years before World War I, demonstrating an ability to organize workers neglected by the AFL, notably immigrant steel and textile workers in the Northeast, miners, timber, and harvest workers in the West. But the IWW's revolutionary program and class-war rhetoric yielded more enemies than allies. Frequently jailed or beaten when they tried to organize, Wobblies faced something more serious after the United States mobilized for war in 1917. Federal and state governments moved to suppress the organization, imprisoning hundreds of Wobblies, passing criminal syndicalism laws that made membership a crime. The IWW survived and is active today, but never regained the momentum of its early years.

Excerpted from: <http://depts.washington.edu/iww/>

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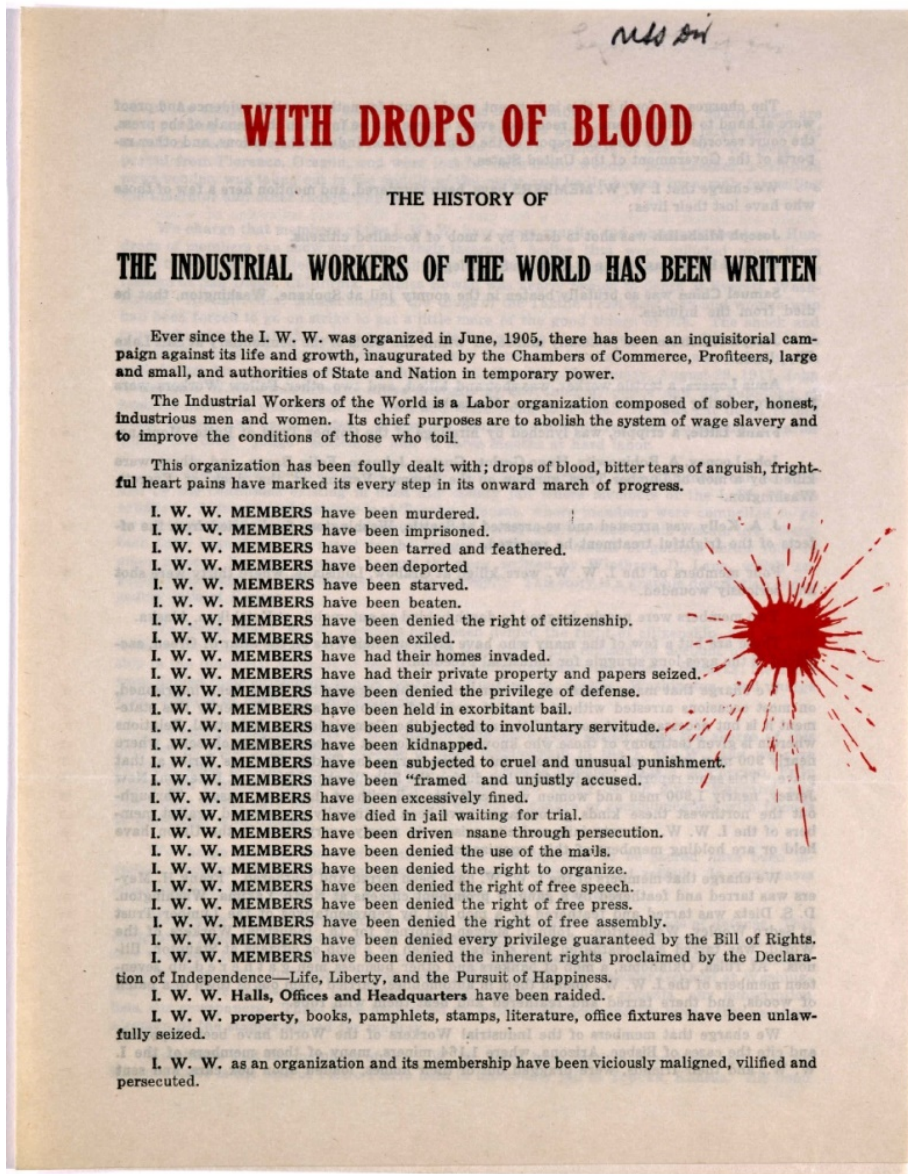
The source used in this assessment is an excerpt from "With Drops of Blood the History of the Industrial Workers of the World has been Written," a statement given by the IWW in 1919. In the excerpt, the IWW declares that although they are a labor organization with "sober, honest, industrious men and women," their members are routinely harassed, attacked, and murdered.

### Answer Key:

Question 1: A

Question 2: D

With drops of blood. The history of the Industrial workers of the world has been written. 1919.



Questions:

- 1) Which of the statements concerning the treatment of I.W.W. members is best represented by the splatter of blood? (CCSS-RH6-8.6)
  - a. Members were starved.
  - b. Members were beaten.
  - c. Members were exiled.
  - d. Members were murdered.
  
- 2) Which detail is most important in understanding the central idea of the pamphlet? (CCSS-RH6-8.2)
  - a. "This organization has been foully dealt with; drops of blood, bitter tears of anguish, frightful heart pains have marked its every step in its onward march of progress."
  - b. "...there has been an inquisitorial campaign against its life and growth, inaugurated by the Chambers of Commerce, Profiteers...and authorities of State and Nation in temporary power."
  - c. "I.W.W. Members have been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment."
  - d. "I.W.W. as an organization and its membership have been viciously maligned, vilified and persecuted."