

Student 1

The Correspondence of Governor Evans

Letter (recipient): R. McLendon, Esq. Sheriff

1. Describe in your own words what the source tells you about Governor Evans' (through the correspondence of his secretary) attitude about the African-American community during the 1890s.

Explain what in the source leads you to this conclusion.

He seems against the KKK, but also that the black community in Motts can't stop the lawlessness going on. I think this because Gunter says, "that lawlessness prevails to a great extent in Motts" and "a band of white cappers are at work whipping and terrorizing the citizens."

2. After each letter has been discussed in your group, describe Governor Evans' attitude about race. Explain what in the sources has led to your group's conclusions.

concerned about racial violence

"w/ power of black community

writes to people to get votes

- race not important as political issues
- voting rights not part of states belief
- trying to guarantee security to pop.