

Reading Comprehension Test. Ida B. Wells-Barnett. From Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases

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Directions: Select the best answer from the choices provided. Write the letter of your answer on the line next to the number.

- _____ 1. According to Wells-Barnett, white men lynch African-American men who have amorous relations with white women because
- African-American men coerce white women into having sexual relations with them.
 - African-American men harm the reputation and virtue of white women.
 - African-American men succumb to the lure of white women.
- _____ 2. One of the reasons why Mrs. J. S. Underwood accuses William Offett of rape is that
- She was afraid she would have an African-American baby.
 - She was afraid that William Offett would persist in his advances.
 - She disliked William Offett and wanted him to serve time in jail.
- _____ 3. For his alleged rape of Mrs. J. S. Underwood, William Offett served how many years of actual jail time?
- Fifteen years.
 - Four years.
 - Seven years.
- _____ 4. Based on the reading, which of the following statements is true?
- William Offett was an unmarried African-American man.
 - Mrs. J. S. Underwood invited William Offett to call on her at her house.
 - Mrs. J. S. Underwood and William Offett had sexual relations only once.
- _____ 5. Ida B. Wells-Barnett's tone in this passage can best be described as
- passionate.
 - spiteful.
 - objective.