



## Chicago Race Riots of 1919 (11.4.5)

### **Background:**

In July 1919 African American males drowned in Lake Michigan after being stoned by white beach goers for violating the unofficial beach segregation in Chicago. When the police did not arrest those who were responsible violence broke out.

### **Prompt:**

What caused the Chicago Race Riots of 1919?

### **Task:**

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.