

History &137 – Winter 2013
Ida Wells

The exam will cover *Southern Horrors* by Ida Wells.

- A free copy is available online at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/14975/14975-h/14975-h.htm>
- It is also on pages 49-72 of *Southern Horrors and Other Writings: The Anti-Lynching Campaign of Ida B. Wells, 1892-1900* edited by Jacqueline Jones Royster.

The exam will have one part. I will give you two essay questions. You will answer ONE of them. You will have 35 minutes to answer the question. No notes or books will be allowed during the exam.

Review Questions

1. According to Ida Wells, how did Southerners defend lynching? What did she see as the true cause? What did she think African Americans should do in response?
2. Place lynching into historical context. What was lynching? Why did the frequency of lynching rise dramatically in the South in the late 1800s? (It was not common in the early to mid-1800s.) What factors motivated it according to Ida Wells? What was the central purpose of lynching?