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Letter to Mary Jane copies (both handwritten and typed) by Truman. June 28, 1947. In this letter, Truman foreshadows the speech he will give that he is not looking forward to and indicates that his family will not like it.

Copy of Executive Order 9981: Issued July 26, 1948 Order 9981 desegregated the U.S. military. As Commander In Chief, the President can give this order, without congressional approval, and the order MUST be followed.

Harry S Truman PDF produced by the US Parks Service: This document gives additional (slanted) information about Truman's stance on Civil Rights during his presidency.

Ernie's letter: August 1948. Ernie writes to his friend Truman to urge Truman to leave the South alone. He argues that Truman's friends and family would not like Truman's Civil Rights Platform. This letter was not included for student use, due to derogatory language (N word), however, it may be useful as additional teacher background.

Truman's Diary Excerpts: January and February 1948. In the entries, Truman addresses his feeling regarding Congress, their opinion of him, and his church preference.

Palmer Report: The official Democratic Platform for the 1948 Presidential election. The report outlines the party's views on issues.

Truman/Clark letter: Truman sends a copy of a letter he wrote to Tom Clark (US Attorney General) to his assistant, David Niles, regarding the attack on Woodard in September of 1946. Truman expresses alarm and asks Clark what his thoughts are on forming a committee to look at human and civil rights.

To Secure These Rights Report of 1947: The committee that Truman formed to look into Civil Rights submits its report regarding its findings and urges action be taken.