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ERA 7: THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN AMERICA (1890–1930)
THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

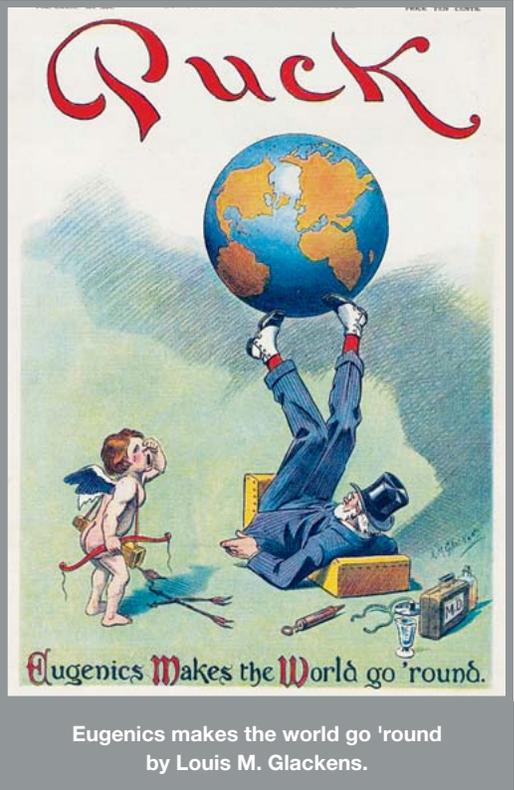
RACE CLEANSING IN AMERICA

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Can the Supreme Court settle moral issues?
What is race cleansing and did it occur in the
United States?

QUESTION FOCUS EXAMPLES FOR TASK 24

Eugenics can be considered race
cleansing or even genocide.



TEACHER-TO-TEACHER

This collection covers the controversial research regarding eugenics and racial cleansing. The compelling question will cause students to not only analyze the actual Supreme Court decision that allowed for the forced sterilization of American citizens, but the philosophy behind eugenics. Students can take a political stance, a moral stance, or a scientific stance in order to answer the question. This collection covers three eras as the practice of forced sterilization covered a span from 1927 to the 1970s.

LITERATURE CONNECTION: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, *The Descent of Man* by Charles Darwin, *The Mismeasure of Man* by Stephen J. Gould

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