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**A Town Called Rosewood**

Objective: You will learn about the terrorist tactics

employed against African Americans by lynch mobs

during the era of segregation.

1. What made Fannie Taylor’s accusation so explosive? *(2 points)*
2. What alternative explanation for her actions has been handed down in the local African American community? *(2 points)*
3. In what sense were William Bryce, W.H. Pillsbury and Wrigth heroes in the Rosewood tragedy? *(4 points)*
4. Were you familiar with the Rosewood Massacre before you read this story? Why do you think this story has remained obscure? *(4 points)*
5. How has the concept of “race riot” changed in America? Compare the Rosewood Massacre to the Los Angeles riots of 1992. What are the similarities and difference?

*(5 points)*

Extended Writing Assignment (Choose 1 of the 3 to write on) (500 words minimum)

*(20 points)*

1. Imagine you are a member of the Rosewood community in 1923. Your parents awaken you from a sound sleep in the middle of the night to inform you that the family must flee to prevent certain death by a mob that is destroying the town. Write a brief journal entry about how you might feel in this circumstance – with no particular place to go and no idea if you will ever be allowed to return home.
2. None of the people killed in Rosewood were involved in the attack on Fannie Taylor. Write an essay explaining why you think the mob felt justified in carrying out revenge on the entire black community.
3. Write a letter to state legislators in Florida expressing your feelings about restitution for the victims of Rosewood. Was restitution appropriate? Do you agree with the specified terms of compensation, or do you have other suggestions? Should there be specific requirements for the use of the money?