

Benchmark: Students will develop and implement effective research strategies for investigating a given historical topic.

Affirmative Action	
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An initiative that called for companies and institutions doing business with the federal government to actively recruit African American employees to effect improved social and economic status. Later expanded to include other minorities and women.	Viewed as another form of discrimination because qualified white workers were kept from jobs, promotions, and school admissions in order to accommodate a certain number of African Americans.

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

Affirmative action has been an issue that has caused a great amount of debate in American society. Choose one side of the debate. If you wanted more information to support your argument, what is one possible source that you could use? Explain your choice.

Desired Response(s):

Rubric

- 2** = This response gives a valid source with accurate and relevant explanation
- 1** = This response gives a valid source with inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
- 0** = inaccurate or no response