

### Questions related to *A Red Record*

1. Although a master might whip a slave mercilessly, why was it uncommon for a master to take a slave's life?
2. Following the freeing of the slaves, lynching "came into vogue." What was the southern purpose behind lynching?
3. In the thirty years since emancipation, how many blacks had been lynched, and how many whites had been tried, convicted, and executed for lynching blacks?
4. What were the "three distinct excuses" for lynching blacks that had been given (in succession) over the previous thirty years?
5. Did southern blacks exercise the right to vote after emancipation? Explain what occurred.
6. The black man "clung to his right of franchise" with incredible heroism. What two important things did voting signify for him?
7. "Humanity abhors the assailant of womanhood, and this charge upon the Negro at once placed him beyond the pale of human sympathy. With such unanimity, earnestness and apparent candor was this charge made and reiterated that the world has accepted the story that the Negro is a monster which the Southern white man has painted him." Besides the apparent sincerity of southerners in insisting upon this view of black men, why, in your opinion, were white people outside the South so willing to accept it?