

## Southern Tenant Farmers Inclusion

H.7.AH.7-8.1, H.7.AH.7-8.8; CCRA.R.1, 3, 7; CCRA.W.7, 8, 9; CCRA.SL.1, 2, 3, 4

The Southern Tenant Farmers Union was formed in Tyronza, Arkansas in 1934. This union allowed sharecroppers and tenant farmers to fight for fair wages and worker's rights. Unlike many other unions, all races were included and encouraged to work together. Members of the union were often targets of violence, but they persisted in fighting for their cause.



*Southern tenant farmers working together.*

Imagine how you would feel in a similar situation. Your teacher gives you a project worth 150 points. Over the next week you spend hours researching, writing, and creating a visual representation to turn in. The top projects will be displayed in the hallway for parent night, and you have no doubt yours is one of the best. The teacher hands back the rubric, and you receive 100 out of 150 points. Your grade is a 67%, D. You look around and notice other students, who did less work than you, receiving A's. How could this be possible? Some students did not even complete the project, and they ended up with a B. You are told your grade was lowered simply because the color of your skin.

How does this make you feel? Is this a fair way to treat people? Would you do anything to try and change this problem? If so, what would it be? Write two full, developed paragraphs answering these questions on the back of this page or on a separate sheet of paper.