

For the teacher only:

Origins of the quotes students will discuss in this folder.

1st and 2nd quote: A page from the History of the War in the Philippines Boston: James H. West Company, 1904

3rd quote: Letter from Juliano to Clemencia Lopez, Manila, Feb 14th 1902

4th quote: From Juliano to Sixto Lopez, Manila, Jan 30th 1902

Directions:

- 1. Read each quote aloud.**
- 2. Discuss point of view represented in the quote.**
- 3. What evidence supports this point of view?**

“I am prepared to sacrifice my property and my life for the good of my country or for the benefit of our family, but the sacrifice which you suggest I will never, never consent to make. The American authorities may inflict punishment on our family that may break my heart or my life, but they will never be able to break my principle as long as God Almighty remains on the side of what is right.”

Point of view:

Evidence:

“But let me make my own position clear. I am entirely in favor of a cessation of all armed resistance to American authority. I have always believed, with you, that the war was not necessarily to our people’s interests, and I am of power to bring about peace. But I utterly despise the policy which inflicts punishment upon neutral non-combatants in order to secure the surrender of those in arms. Neither morality nor the rules of war sanction such a [scorched earth] policy. To my mind it is an unutterably mean and cruel method of securing victory. It is unworthy of an American soldier and a blot upon the escutcheon of the nation that went to war to put an end to the [re-concentration camp] methods of [Spanish] General Weyler [in revolutionary Cuba.] And although under other circumstances I should counsel surrender by [Filipino Gen.] Malvar and his forces, I cannot urge him to surrender in response to such methods of warfare.”

Point of view:

Evidence:

“Not even in the time of the Spaniards were the people of Batangas (in the Philippines) so badly treated as they are now... I always believed the American officers to be very just and reasonable, but now I am convinced that there is a snake in every bush, as the proverb says. They are reasonable when it suits them; but when it is otherwise, even if you shriek and cry to heaven, they pay no attention... Oh, what outrage! If all the Americans are like those we have here, who heartlessly punish the innocent and make many families suffer, preserve me from them and from America, with all its wealth and education and desire to be our protector in civilization.”

Point of view:

Evidence:

“From the last news from Balayan I know that the town continues tranquil, as always; nevertheless, [U.S. soldiers] are continuing to arrest our [plantation] superintendents to force them to produce the imaginary guns which they say are being kept back. As is natural, the poor things deny everything, for, indeed, they do not know what guns are spoken of, and for this reason they (the Americans) are torturing them, giving them thousands of blows, whipping and beating them, so that finally one of them dies – the Americans beat him so much . It has amazed me that they are so civilized a nation and boast all over the world wherever they go of their humane acts.”

Point of view:

Evidence: