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**Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History**

Discussion Questions. Answer the following questions based on the video.

1. The history of the KKK over the past century mirrors the history of America. How is the history of the KKK a chronicle of hate in America?

2. The basic tenet of the KKK is white supremacy. What is white supremacy? How does it violate Americans of different races and ethnic backgrounds?

3. What are some of the reasons men and women choose to join the KKK?

4. The KKK states that it is a Christian organization. What is the irony of an organization based on hate, violence and oppression claiming it follows the guidance of Christianity?

5. The burning cross is the symbol of the KKK. Why do they use this symbol? What does it signify?

6. How is the KKK a legacy of slavery in America?

7. The Fifteenth Amendment, adopted in 1870, guaranteed the right to vote to Americans regardless of their race or religion. Why did the KKK try to prevent African-Americans from voting during the post-Civil War Reconstruction era?

8. Why did the KKK disappear after Reconstruction?

9. Why did the KKK resurface in the early twentieth century?

10. One of the first blockbuster movies of the infant industry was D.W. Griffith's Birth of a Nation. How did the popularity of this film aid in the rebirth of the KKK?

11. What is meant by 100% Americanism? How was it a response to the changing composition of America?

12. Why did the KKK fall from power in Indiana, the state in which it had the most political clout?

13. How did the end of segregation in the South give the KKK a license to grow?