

“The colored women of the United States [have] bonded themselves together to fulfill a mission to which they feel peculiarly adapted and especially called.... It is not because we are discouraged at the progress made by our people that we have uttered the cry of alarm which has called together this band of earnest women assembled here tonight. In the unprecedented advancement made by the negro since his emancipation, we take great pride....

In public questions affecting our legal status, let us engage intelligently and continuously, whenever and wherever it is possible to strike a blow for equality and right.... Let the cause of temperance and morality be especially espoused in our effort to better humanity and elevate the race.... Let us consecrate¹ ourselves anew to the mission which we have been called to fulfill....

Let us not only preach, but practice race unity, race pride, reverence and respect for those capable of leading and advising us.”

Source: Mary Church Terrell, president of the National Association of Colored Women, first presidential address to the association, 1897

1: dedicate

2. Respond to parts A, B, and C.

- A. Briefly describe the author’s purpose as expressed in the excerpt.
- B. Briefly explain how one historical development between 1865 and 1897 contributed to the ideas expressed in the excerpt.
- C. Briefly explain how the ideas expressed in the excerpt contributed to one historical development between 1897 and 1945.