

Guiding Questions

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Document A: Sparks Letter to the Editor				
	(Sourcing) Who is Mrs. Sparks and why does she care about what is taught in schools?			
	(Contextualizing) What is Mrs. Sparks referring to when she says "these times of materialism"?			
	(Close Reading) Find all of the words that suggest the presence of a great danger. Why might Mrs. Sparks believe that evolution is such a threat?			
	Document B: Malone's Trial Speech			
	(Sourcing) The audience in the courthouse mostly supported Bryan and the Butler Act. Why do you think they applauded Malone's speech?			
2. ((Close Reading) Why does Malone think science is so important?			
	(Contextualizing) What is Malone referring to when he says "civilization is not so proud of the work of the adults"?			



Document C: Reverend Straton Article

1. (Close reading) What words does Straton use to show that he likes small towns?
(Contextualizing) According to Straton, what are signs of corruption in New York and Chicago?
Document D: New York Times Article
(Sourcing) What was New York City like in the 1920s? Why might the New York Times look down on Dayton, Tennessee?
2. (Close Reading) How does the New York Times describe the local Tennesseans? What words can you find that show that the New York Times thinks of these people and events as bizarre and interesting?



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Context: What was happening in the 1920s?

SUPPORTED the Butler Act	OPPOSED the Butler Act
 State of Tennessee Fundamentalists William Jennings Bryan (defended Tennessee) 	 John Scopes American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Clarence Darrow (defended John Scopes)
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