WWH Project Update
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Step 1: Initial Research

Notes from *The Moralist*:
- Very inspired by anything English, particularly politics
- As a young man, supported English practice of combining legislative + executive—less power for executive
- Liked executive branch more after Spanish-American War
- Governor of NJ
- Democratic sweep of 1910
- Wilson wins presidency in 1912 thanks to new Democratic voters
- Wilson: Dem + rad
- William Jennings Bryan: Dem + more radical
- Teddy Roosevelt: Rep + rad
- WHT: Rep + conser
- Most Black Americans supported Wilson in 1912— he promised he would do his best to “advanc[e] the interests of their race in the United States”
- Wilson was seen as stiff + reserved
Step 2: Choosing the Project

- Political inconsistencies
- Which situations were luck? True talent? Ill will? Or incompetence?
- Possible TEDTalk format for final presentation
Step 3: Categories

- Political Theory
- African-American Rights
- WWI
- Interventionism
Successes and Dead Ends

- Public speeches—found texts online
- Rediscovery—contained mostly physical objects rather than documents
- Chronicling America—super helpful (thanks, Ms. Stacey!). German espionage research
Stone 2/24/16
- Wilson is confident about his struggle to keep the U.S. out of war
- And believes he will continue to succeed
- Believes European powers will respect U.S. neutrality
- Only wants to maintain U.S. honor and principles like liberty
- Demonstrates a strong unwillingness to compromise on that front

A News Release 7/28/16
- President has established preparedness measures related to industry and that kinda stuff, not the army
- Wants to focus on science + research

Brisbane 4/25/17
- Wilson doesn't want Espionage Act to apply to criticism of him and his own actions because he believes that would go against American principles

Helvering 4/19/17
- Defends the Selective Service Act
What’s Next?

- Analyzing Link resources— war
- Organize thoughts into specific observations + examples
- Move on to next category: interventionism
Thanks for listening!