

HANDOUT

1896-1908 STUDENT HANDOUT

1896 Document #1

BRYAN "CROSS OF GOLD" POSTER EXCERPTS

OPENING SECTION:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

I would be presumptuous, indeed, to present myself against the distinguished gentlemen to whom you have listened if this were a mere measuring of abilities; but this is not a contest between persons. The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error. I come to speak to you in defence of a cause as holy as the cause of liberty — the cause of humanity."

CLOSING SECTION:

"If they dare to come out in the open field and defend the gold standard as a good thing, we will fight them to the uttermost. Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for a gold standard by saying to them: You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

1904 Document #1

PARKER "JEFFERSONIAN PRINCIPLES" POSTER TEXT

"EXTRACTS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM:

Capital & Labor ought not to be enemies. The rights of Labor are certainly no less "vested," no less "sacred" & no less "inalienable" than the rights of capital. We favor liberal appropriations for the care & improvement of the water ways of the country. Open Door, but No Colonial Exploitation. Ultimate Freedom for the Filipinos. We denounce protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few. Gigantic Trusts a Menace to Nation. Protection for All American Citizens abroad. Investigation of corrupt Government departments."