

Reading “New lights shine on riots against blacks in East St. Louis and across America”
by Harper Barnes

Riot (noun)

1. a noisy, violent public disorder caused by a group or crowd of persons, as by a crowd protesting against another group, a government policy, etc., in the streets.
2. Law. a disturbance of the public peace by three or more persons acting together in a disrupting and tumultuous manner in carrying out their private purposes.
3. violent or wild disorder or confusion.

Massacre (noun)

1. the unnecessary, indiscriminate killing of a large number of human beings or animals, as in barbarous warfare or persecution or for revenge or plunder.
2. a general slaughter, as of persons or animals

Use the above definitions to categorize violent acts against Black Americans, as detailed in the article, as riots or massacres. Based on your categorizing, consider the connotations of the terms and why certain incidences were titled as such. Choose one of the violent incidents mentioned in the article and develop an argument to challenge, defend, or qualify its current classification.

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