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* Kevin Hardwick’s article is primarily concerned with the perception of violence and the actual violence itself. He focuses on the 1866 Memphis race riot in south Memphis, which was sparked by Irish police officers and firefighters.
* One historical viewpoint that Hardwick challenges is the fact that that the Memphis riots were a result of racial hatred
* In a historical context, primary sources help to relate past events and promote a deeper understanding of how things unfolded
* According to the article, the violence of the riots in Memphis and the social tensions was partly because of the relocation of thousands of men and women.
* Hardwick’s article contributes to understanding the history of the United States by showing how the black community in Memphis was brutally considered inferior and how they struggled for equality