

The Civil Rights Movement - a little background info

Government Introductory Assignment

Assignment post: In order to do a google docs assignment you must do the following:

- 1 - Go up to File - go to New and create a document
- 2 - Rename the Document - "SCI Me & My Notebook" and your last name
- 3 - When doing your assignment provide short titles for question...ie - 1 Photo. 2 - Word (Today). Etc.
- 4 - type your answers making sure to check the word count. You may go over.
- 5 - Share the document with Mr. Wood
- 6 - In order to share with Mr. Wood you must type bobwoodmsu@gmail.com for "other people".
- 7 - So that I can comment make sure that you allow me to comment.
- 8 - Normally when I email you a google docs assignment I will provide a time and date due - we'll talk on Monday about this one.

One of the advantages of living in the United States is that you have so many unalienable rights. One of our challenges is that we don't know that. Neither do we appreciate the advantage of availability of those rights. If you know the history of the Civil Rights movement, you will recognize not only your rights under the Constitution, you will also know what it is like for people to be stripped of those liberties merely because of the color of their skin. And if you study the Civil Rights movement in the United States history you will know the sacrifice that people have made in this country to reaffirm those liberties, whatever the cost.

In order to comprehend the power of the movement, knowledge of following individuals, groups, and events is important. You have all had US History...so this assignment should be review. What I want you to do here - is to go a little deeper.

Below, I've noted a timeline of some of the events and people of the Movement. For this assignment you are to choose (two events) and (two people) for quick research. (Four total) The choice is up to you. If you choose Rosa Parks do not do the Montgomery Bus Boycott. For each choice number them (person #1, person #2) in your Google Docs Assignment and follow appropriate directions. You will be asked to provide some first person insight as well. For Part I **Events** your insight is from no particular perspective - just a random person. For Part II **People** of the movement that perspective is from the chosen individual.

Events

1896 - Plessy vs Ferguson Supreme Court Decision
1954 - Brown vs Board of Ed Supreme Court Decision
1955 - Death of Emmett Till
1955/56 - Montgomery Bus Boycott
1957 - Little Rock Nine

People

Coretta Scott King
Reverend Ralph Abernathy
Rosa Parks
Bayard Rustin
John Lewis

1960 - Greensboro sit ins
1961 - Freedom Rides
1963 - Birmingham Protests (Kelly Ingram Park)
1963 - Civil Rights March on Washington
1963 - 16th Street Baptist Church bombing
1964 - passage of the Civil Rights Bill of 1964
1965 - death of Jimmie Lee Jackson Ella Baker
1965 - Selma to Montgomery March
1965 - passage of the Voting Rights Bill

Fred Shuttlesworth
James Armstrong
President Kennedy - civil rights role
President Johnson - civil rights role
Governor Wallace
Medgar Evers

Part I - Events of the Movement

Look above at the list of events - you will work with two(your choice). Do the following for each. **For each event you have a 250 word target.**

- 1 - Identify the event posted above - note event and year. Go online and read about it.
- 2 - **Provide two statements** about the incident that describe the event in question.
- 3 - **Unique Perspective** - Identify a fictitious individual who might have been involved in the above event and then provide a first person perspective - of how they see the event. "Me, me, me - I, I, I" They don't really exist - you are making them up.

Identify each of the above by Event #1. Event #2.

Part II - People of the Movement

Look above at the list of people of the Civil Rights Movement - you will work with two (your choice). Do the following for each. **For each individual you have a 250 word target.**

- 1 - Identify the person posted above - go online and read about him or her.
- 2 - **Provide two pivotal roles** that the above individual play in the civil rights movement.
- 3 - **My role in the Movement** - Writing in the first person tell their story - what role they played.

Identify each of the above by Person #1. Person #2.

Remember when you are finished you will have touched on two events and two people. Each post must equal a word count of 250 words...or 1000 for the total assignment.

Since google docs provides a spell check I expect grammar and spelling to be accurate.

If you choose Rosa Parks do not also choose to cover the Montgomery Bus Boycott.