

A Civil Rights Warm Up:

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.

First though you need to get back in the groove. This assignment will take you there. Below, I've noted a timeline of events and Leaders of the Movement. You are to choose two events and two Leaders for your concentration of study. The choice is up to you...circle the four on this paper and proceed to research them in the following pages. For Part I Foot Soldiers your insight is from no particular perspective - just a random person. For Part II The Leaders of the movement that perspective is from your chosen individual.

Two people from each category for a total of four papers.

Part I

Events for study

Choose two from the list to the right...

and bring couple of Foot Soldiers into the study.

- 1787** - 3/5 Compromise
- 1865 - 70** passage 13, 14, 15 Amendments
- 1896** - SC Plessy v Ferguson
- 1954** - SC Brown v Board
- 1955** - Death of Emmett Till
- 1955/56** - Montgomery Bus Boycott
- 1957** - Little Rock Nine
- 1960** - Greensboro sit ins
- 1961** - Freedom rides
- 1963** - Birmingham childrens march
- 1963** - Civil Rights March on Washington
- 1963** - 16th Street Baptist Church bombing
- 1964** - passage of Civil Rights bill
- 1965** - death of Jimmie Lee Jackson
- 1965** - Selma to Montgomery march
- 1965** - passage of Voting Rights Act

Part II - LEADERS of the Movement choose two...

- Coretta Scott King
- Reverend Ralph Abernathy
- Rosa Parks
- Bayard Rustin
- John Lewis
- Fred Shuttlesworth
- James Armstrong
- President Eisenhower - Civil Rights role
- President Kennedy - Civil Rights role
- President Johnson - Civil Rights role
- Governor Wallace
- Medgar Evers
- Ella Baker
- Malcolm X

This assignment is worth 100 points - twenty-five per choice. I expect you to do a thorough job of research. I expect it in your own words. And I expect creativity to come to the surface. Make your choices wisely and then DIG IN DEEP!