

2018 RIGHTS AND PROTEST **PRESCRIBED SUBJECT #1**

STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS **MOVEMENT**

It is important to have a strong foundation to begin your understanding of the evolution of the American Civil Rights Movement.

For each critical area of the American Civil Rights Movement, each of you will dissect the area of concentration and prepare the presentation; 10-20 minutes with the use of power point.

Your primary source for your investigation will be your course companion textbook, Rights and Protests starting at page 129. I have other books available and as you decide and choose your topic. Also, there are numerous websites on the development of the Civil Rights Movement. They will be essential to your research. Please have a minimum of two other sources and include them in your bibliography.

1. Introduction to the American Civil Rights Movement

- a. Impact of Civil War, Reconstruction and Jim Crow Laws
- b. Beginnings and growth of the Ku Klux Klan
- c. Race riots in the late 19th and early 20th centuries-
impact of Moore v. Dempsey
- d. Tactics to disenfranchise African Americans
- e. Impact of FDR and WWII

2. Segregation, Education and Litigation; Brown v. Board

- a.** Impact of Walter White and Charles Hamilton Houston
- b.** The NAACP strategy and the Margold Report
- c.** The case of Donald Murray
- d.** Gaines v. Missouri, Sweatt v. Painter, McLaurin v. OK State Regents
- e.** Brown v. Board of Education
- f.** Brown II challenge
- g.** Reactions to Brown

3. Virginia and Massive Resistance and Little Rock and the Lost Year

- a.** The Gray Commission
- b.** The Stanley Plan
- c.** Actions of the Massive Resistance
- d.** The Perrow Plan
- e.** Green v. New Kent County
- f.** The Blossom Plan
- g.** The Capital Citizens' Council (CCC) and the Mother's League of Central High School (MLCHS)
- h.** Central High School incident
- i.** Eisenhower's intervention
- j.** The Little Rock Nine
- k.** Cooper v. Aaron
- l.** Act 115
- m.** Other protests and actions

4. Montgomery Bus Boycott and Freedom Rides 1961

- a. Why is the Montgomery Bus Boycott considered “the starting point of the African American Civil Rights Movement?
- b. Irene Morgan v. Commonwealth of Virginia
- c. Lead up to Rosa Parks
- d. Background and impact of Rosa Parks
- e. African American demands in the boycott
- f. Montgomery Improvement Association
- g. Resistance to the Montgomery boycott
- h. Final impact of the boycott on the advancement of the civil rights movement and impact on MLK
- i. Rationale for the Freedom Rides
- j. Impact of the Cold War on support
- k. Outcome of first Greyhound Freedom Ride
- l. Kennedy administration reaction
- m. Outcome of the second Freedom Ride and the SNCC
- n. Overall achievement and shortfall of the Freedom Rides

5. Introduction to Legislation and the Freedom Summer

- a. Mr. Beck’s Power Point

6. Legislative Changes: Civil Rights Act 1964, Voting Rights Act 1965; Amendment 24

- a. Civil Rights Act regulations and enforcement
- b. Evolution of the Civil Rights Act
- c. Kennedy’s involvement in the Civil Rights Act
- d. LBJ’s involvement in the passage of the Civil Rights Act
- e. The critical areas addressed by the Civil Rights Act
- f. Impact of the Civil Rights Act on political parties

- g. Evolution of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 including “Bloody Sunday”
- h. LBJ’s reaction to “Bloody Sunday”
- i. Areas of the Voting Rights Act
- j. Harper v. Virginia State Board of Elections and S.C. v. Katzenback

7. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

- a. MLK’s background prior to Montgomery
- b. MLK’s creation and involvement with the SCLC
- c. “I have a dream” speech and “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”
- d. Interaction with the Kennedy administration
- e. SCLC’s origins- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- f. SCLC’s role with ministers-MLK, Abernathy
- g. Role of the SCLC- training leaders, lawsuits, Operation Breadbasket
- h. Interactions with other civil rights groups

8. Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam

- a. Malcolm X’s background and conversion to Islam
- b. Nation of Islam (NOI) and The Messenger
- c. Change in message after pilgrimage to Mecca
- d. Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU)
- e. Founding of Nation of Islam
- f. The early years and mission of NOI
- g. The Fruit of Islam (FOI)
- h. The rise of NOI under Malcolm X
- i. Impact of Louis Farrakhan on NOI
- j. Differences between Malcolm X and Farrakhan
- k. Integration of the Black Power Movement and the Black Panther Party

9. Lyndon Baines Johnson

- a. Mr. Beck's Power Point

10. NAACP and The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

- a. Founding in the early 20th century
- b. Impact of Walter White, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall and the LDF
- c. NAACP focus on the South
- d. The March on Washington
- e. SNCC and voter registration
- f. SNCC impact in the "Black Belt"
- g. Ella Baker's impact on the SNCC
- h. Impact of John Lewis (where is he currently?)
- i. Stokely Carmichael and the Black Panther Party (BPP)